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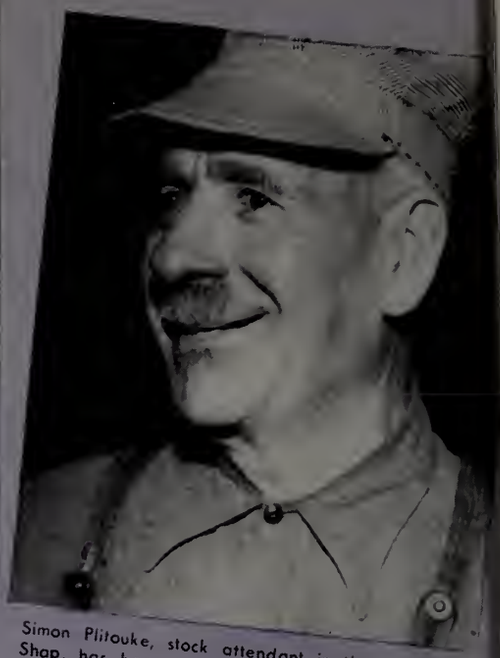
Lilliane Boivin is a sand muller operator in the Foundry. She is married and has a doughter five months old. She came here four years ago

Ray Fullerton is the assistant foreman of the Wood Pattern Shop. He learned his trade a number of years ago under the Whitin Apprentice Pragram



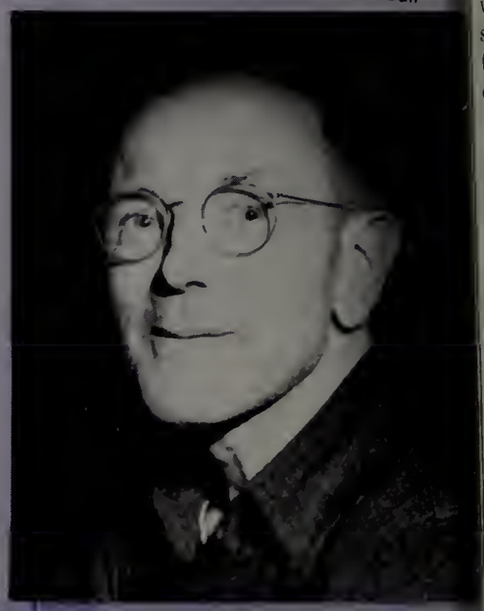
Simon Plitouke, stock attendant in the Blacksmith Shop, has been in the Shop for 42 years. He spends his spare time fishing and following baseball

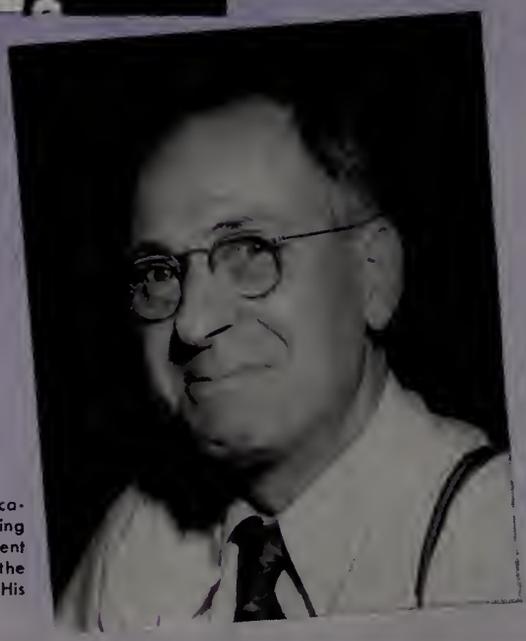
# Familiar Faces

## AROUND THE PLANT

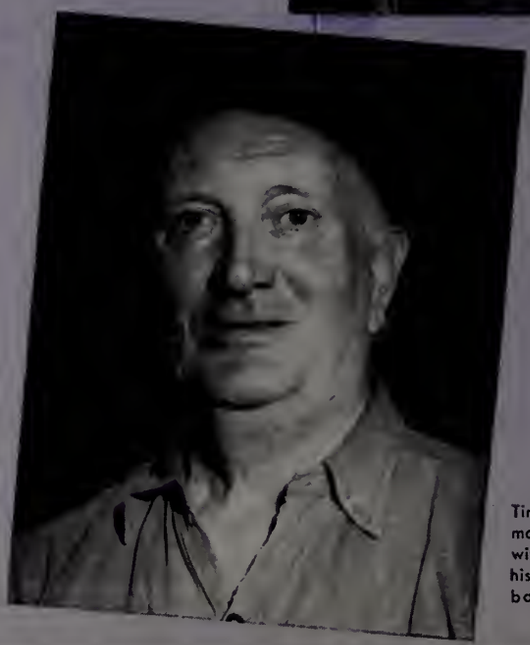
Mary Almosion is a stock delivery attendant in Stack Room 406. During World War II Mary worked on the Magneto Job. She has been with Whitin eleven years

John DeBoer is a punch operator who rigs up his own machine. He has 27 years of service on the Punch Job. His son, John, Jr., attends Northbridge High School





Ernest Parker is a specification analyst. Before entering the Master List Department in 1940, he worked on the Card Job for 20 years. His hobby is gordening



Timothy Brosnahan, Foundry molder, is a senior employee with 40 years of service. In his spare time he follows baseball, football, basketball and hockey

# Whitin Rolls Precision Manufactured with Most Modern Machine Tools

In keeping with its policy of continuously improving its product, the Roll Department has introduced new methods and installed a large number of new machines for making steel delivery rolls, principally for Roving, Spinning and Twisting. In addition, many other machines have been rebuilt to meet the new manufacturing requirements. All belt-driven machines have been converted to individual motor drive. A new lighting system also has been installed and the department has received a new coat of white paint.

Steel delivery rolls play an important part in the performance of our textile machines. They govern the delivery of yarn to be spun and twisted and at the same time control the drafting, or drawing out, of the various fibres produced on these machines. The rolls must be held to very close tolerances. If the diameters are not accurate, the rolls will not deliver the predetermined amount of yarn. The flutes must be smooth and of accurate formation if perfect drafting is to be obtained.

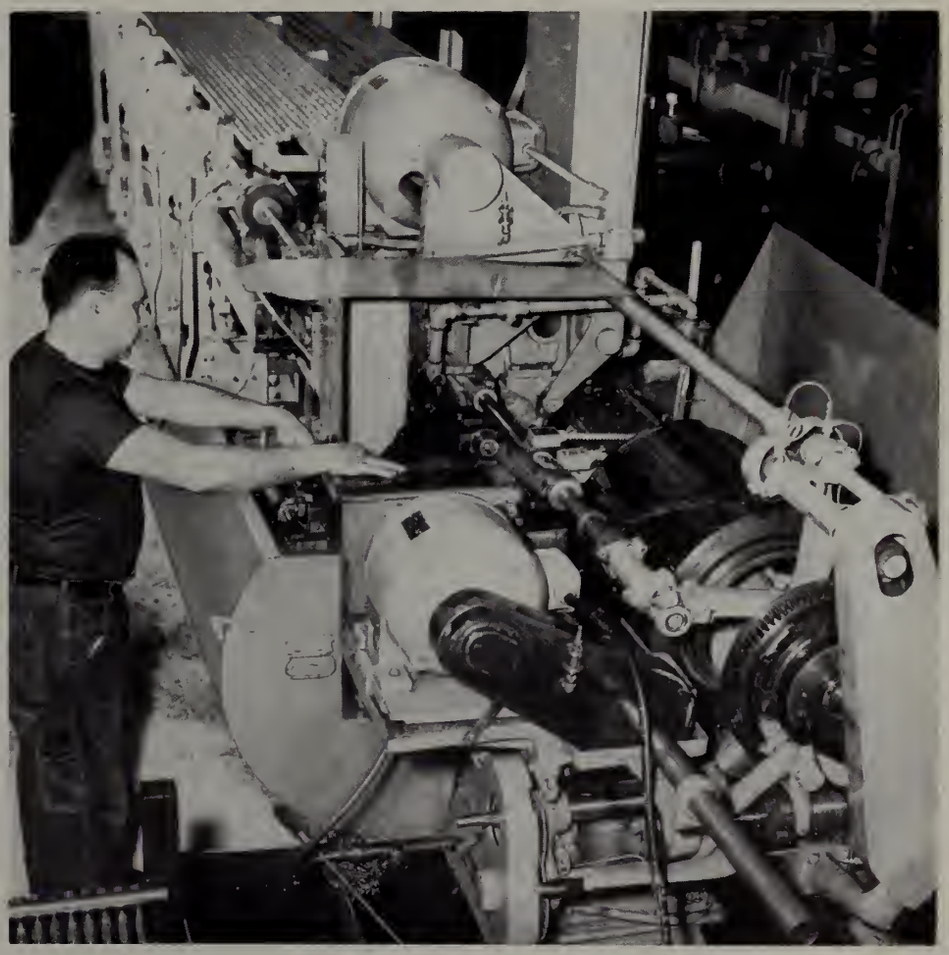
Roll sizes range from 1″ to 2″ in diameter and from 15″ to 28″ in length, and may be plain, fluted or knurled. A special type of steel is used and its alloy and characteristics are continuously analyzed to insure their meeting the exacting standards of our specifications.

Twenty-one operations are necessary on each roll before it is ready for shipment. In the first operation, cold rolled steel bars are placed in Cleveland Automatic Screw machines where on the male end, the bearing diameter, the collar, pilot and the thread diameters are turned and the female end is drilled simultaneously. The roll is also cut to length before it is removed. After the pilot or threaded end is centered on a specially designed centering machine, the spaces between the bosses, which are the raised areas that will be fluted or knurled, are turned on a special space turning lathe.

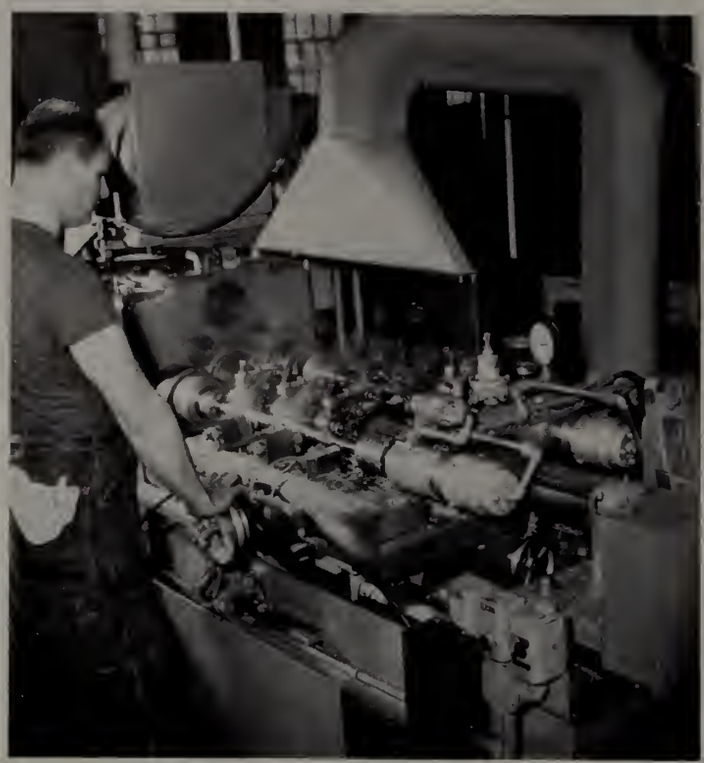
In the next process, another specially built machine turns the outside diameter of the female end, reams, and chamfers the same end, leaving stock in the bore for grinding. After being tapped and having the thread ends marked, the roll bearing diameters are plunge ground to finish size in a Norton Cylindrical Grinder. Threads are rolled onto the male end by a Reed Thread Roller.

Flutes are cut on a LaPointe Broach or the rolls are knurled on a knurling machine. After degreasing, they undergo one of the many inspections, the rolls requiring it are hardened to a hardness of at least 88 on the 15N scale. Subsequently they are straightened to conformance with rigid runout tolerances for the body and bearings.

After finish grinding of the pilot diameter and the diameter and length of collar face, the body is ground. On a specially constructed length grinding machine, the lengths are ground to plus or minus .002″ and on a Heald Internal Grinder the pilot hole is ground to a diameter within plus or minus .0002″.



**Victor Courteau operates a Cleveland Automatic Screw Machine which cuts round bars of steel into proper roll lengths. This machine also forms the male end of the roll and drills a hole in the opposite end simultaneously**



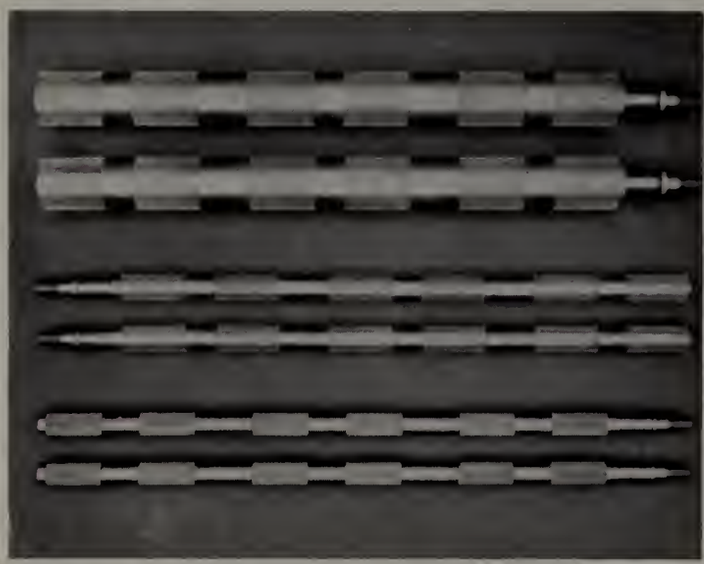
On a specially built lathe, Alfred Pouliot forms the bosses on the rolls

Using a Reed Thread machine, Joseph Reneau rolls threads on the male end of each roll

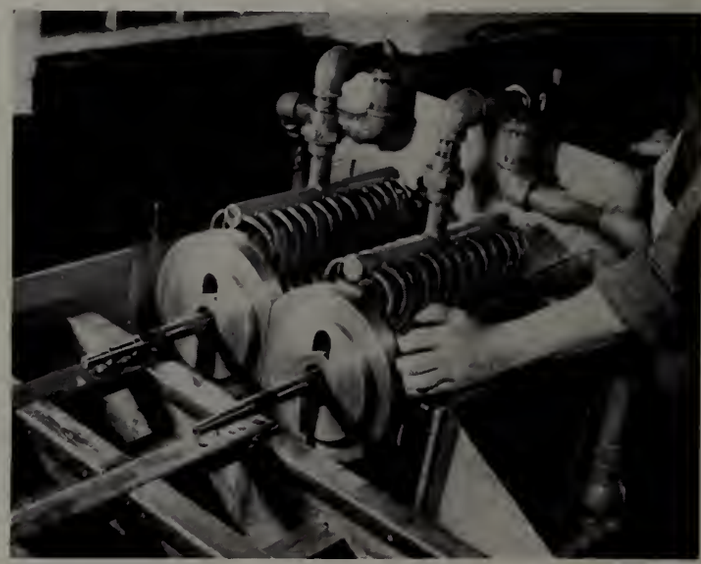
After another degreasing, and grit blasting in a Wheelabrator, a rust preventative is applied. A final inspection is given the rolls for adherence to standards of length, diameters, run out, and flute condition. Joined together on a coupling bench, they are again straightened, before being sent to the packing department for shipping.

Assisting Foreman Cecil Baker in his supervision are Carl Carlson, assistant foreman; Supervisors John Baker, Norman White, Emil Beschamps, Andy McKaig, and Alphonse Mecunier.

Joseph Bouvier heads the department's senior employee list with 60 years of service; Edward Driscoll, 55 years; Broer DeVries, 47 years; Titus Cooper, 46 years; Andrew Buwalda, 45 years; Joseph Dumais, 45 years; Joseph Courteau, 45 years; Sipka Oppawall, 44 years; Simon Wolock, 42 years; Joseph Reneau, 42 years; Harold Kane, 40 years; Mathias McNeil, 38 years; Israel Ovian, 38 years; John Rutana, 38 years; Bazil Konvent, 35 years; Albert Gill, 35 years; Frank Nastor, 35 years; Forest Peck, 34 years; Anthony Marteka, 32 years; Harold O'Connell, 27 years; Henry Gagne, 25 years; Edward Beaudoin, 23 years; Edward Trasavage, 22 years; James Deveney, 22 years; Victor Courteau, 21 years; Wilfred Henault, 21 years; and William Modderman, 21 years.



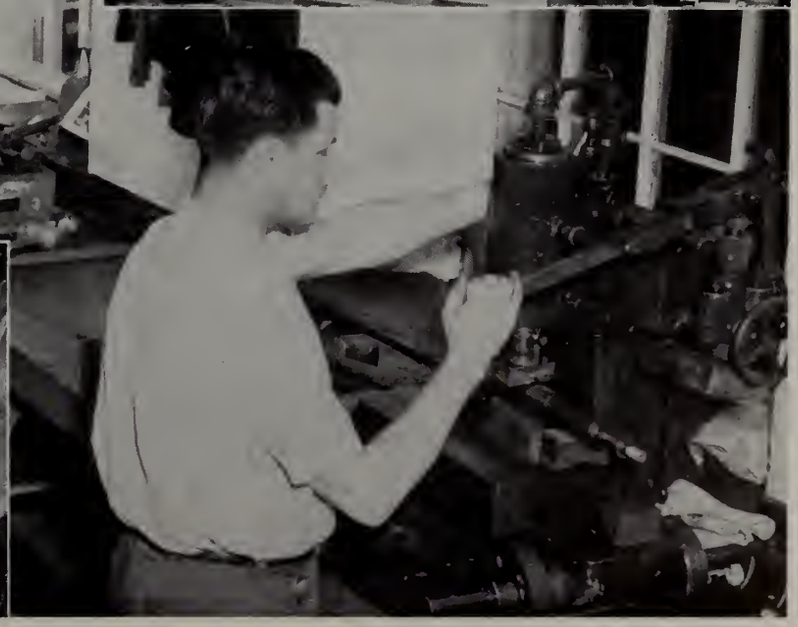
Whitin rolls showing 2 inch and 1 inch fluted rolls, and 1 inch knurled rolls

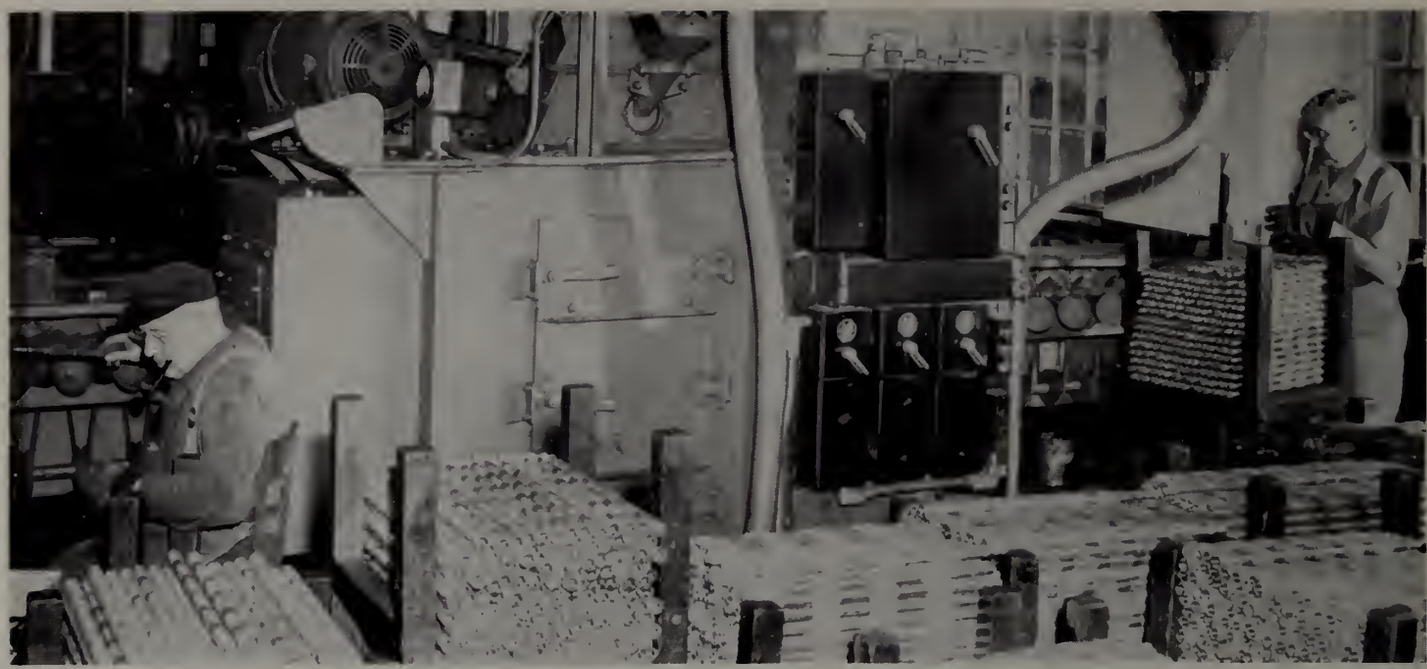


Here the flutes are cut into the bosses. Approximately 300 rolls are fluted every hour

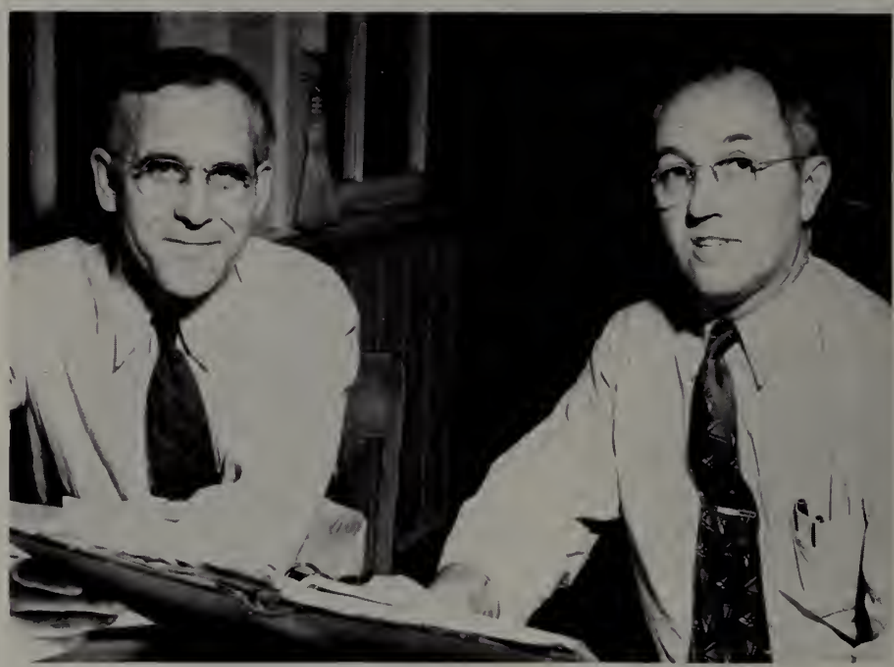
Above: Each roll is heat treated in a cyanide bath. This puts a hard outer surface on the roll. Frank Rutana is shown quenching them in oil. Below: Straightening the rolls after the heat treatment are Joe Machota, Bror Swanson, John Stavinski and John Bednarz. Bottom left: Wilfred Henault grinds the flutes down to standard size

Keith Wilcox inspecting rolls after the broaching operation



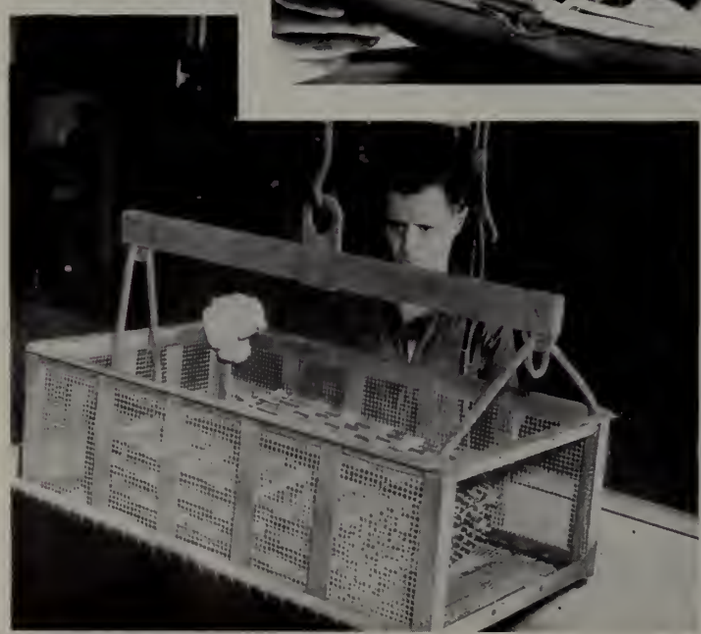


Above: A grit blasting operation gives each roll a satin finish. Joe Bouvier and David Miedema are the operators



Center: Carl E. Carlson, assistant foreman, has been with Whitin for 18 years. Cecil Baker, foreman, has a total of 38 years to his credit

Below: Wilfred Rivard degreases the rolls before they are forwarded to the grit blasting machine



Below: Frances Haringa, in a final inspection, checks the rolls for run-outs, over-all length and diameters

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## IT'S "PARADISE?" WELL, HARDLY!

Remember how the Commies used to sound off about the "workers' paradise" behind the Iron Curtain? They're pretty quiet now, for a good reason. The true facts are coming out and they're not pretty!

Victor Riesel, nationally recognized labor columnist, recently revealed that, for instance:

In Russia, pregnant women and young mothers are being drafted to work in gun factories.

In Soviet-"liberated" Poland, even illness—unless severe—is no excuse for failing to report for work.

Another Polish law provides that any worker guilty of an unauthorized absence from his job of as little as 20 minutes may be penalized by a fine of a day's pay. Any Polish man or woman who dares to quit the job is liable to spend six months in jail.

"Workers' paradise," they call it!

FRONT COVER: Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper are shown with a few of their valuable Chinese curios. Mrs. Cooper is holding a tiny shoe similar to the type formerly worn by Chinese women. A few of the items exhibited on the table are opium pipe complete with lamp, tin and ash holder; Chinese "doctor lady"; charcoal hand warmer, looks like a small basket with a mesh top; dress ornaments; laughing Buddhas; cloisonné pieces and in the background are two temple scrolls showing the good gods and devil gods.

# *Whitin Personality*

Sigurd H. Helland was born in Horten, Norway, and received his education in that country. Before coming to Whitin in 1913, he had several years of shop and drafting room experience on gas engines and special machines.

Following four years of tool and special machine design for our shop, he was assigned to textile machine design in 1917, and six years later was appointed Assistant Chief Draftsman in 1923. He was made Chief Draftsman in 1943.

The Drafting Department has more than 70 employees and originates all the designs, working plans, and parts lists of every machine built, for nearly every machine differs from others of even the same type, because of varying individual mill requirements.

Sigurd lives on East Street in Whitinsville and has two daughters and two sons. Daughter Norma Campbell lives in Uxbridge; Martha Desjourdy lives in Whitinsville; Edward, a graduate of Boston University, is a teacher in Lexington, Massachusetts. Howard is a graduate of Lowell Textile Institute and is employed with the Lockport Felt Company in Newfane, New York.

**Mr. Bolton, President, awarded the Whitin diplomas to Apprentices John Eugene Holewa of Webster and Ernest Julien of North Uxbridge. Martin F. Salmon, third from the left, representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeships, U. S. Department of Labor, presented the two graduates the State's Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship**

# First Graduates

## First Apprentices Graduate under New Whitin Apprenticeship Program

John Eugene Holewa and Ernest Joseph Julien, of the Foundry, received diplomas in November signifying that they have completed their apprenticeships in the Whitin Machine Works and were recognized as journeymen molders. Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, President of the Whitin Machine Works, in the presence of Company officials, awarded the Company's diplomas to Mr. Holewa and to Mr. Julien. At the same time, Mr. Martin F. Salmon, Representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor, awarded the Commonwealth's Certificates of Completion of Apprenticeship.

When Mr. Holewa and Mr. Julien began their formal apprenticeship in the Whitin Machine Works, they were credited with 4,000 hours towards completion of their apprenticeship because of their previous experience in the molder's trade.

In awarding the Whitin diplomas, Mr. Bolton said: "As the first graduates of the new apprenticeship program of the Whitin Machine Works, you exemplify the great advantages of such a program. Both of you, as journeymen molders, are taking your places in a skilled trade which is highly essential to the country's welfare in times of peace and in times of war. Having acquired these essential skills, you can be reasonably sure of gainful employment at all times. The Company is proud to add you to the skilled staff already in its employ, confident not only in your skills, but also in those other qualities which constitute you good workers. The same qualities which are formally recognized in the presentation of certificates to you journeymen are also the qualities which make you good citizens wherever you may have your abode."

Apprentice training is not new in the Whitin Machine Works. A very active and efficient program was conducted up to World War II when the program had to be discontinued because most of the apprentices had been inducted into the Armed Forces. After the war, a new and larger apprenticeship training program was developed by Frank N. Stone, Personnel Director, and Luke L. Lomartire, Director of Apprentices, with the cooperation of Martin F. Salmon, a representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor.

Apprentices for the new courses are carefully selected through preliminary interviews, investigation of school records and employment records and through a battery of tests which include mental, mechanical, dexterity, interest and personality tests. After their enrollment in the various courses offered, the apprentices are required to supplement their training by classroom instruction (given in the plant during working hours) in subjects related to the particular trade.

Currently the Whitin Machine Works has 67 apprentices who are being trained in the following apprenticeable trades approved by the Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Training, Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries: Drafting; Toolmaker: 1. Punch and Die, 2. Jig and Fixture; Electrician; Carpenter; Plumbing; Wood Pattern Making; Metal Pattern Making; Molding; Millwright and Outside Erector: 1. Picker and Opening, 2. Comber and Knitting, 3. Cards, 4. Roving, 5. Spinning.

**Company officials in charge of the Whitin Apprenticeship Training Program and the two graduates: From the left, Frank N. Stone, personnel director; John E. Cunningham, plant superintendent; Ernest Julien, graduate; John E. Holewa, graduate; Luke L. Lomartire, director of apprentices; and Erik O. Pierson, works manager**

# A Guard Views His Job

By Forrest E. Noe

We all want law and order for our protection and the protection of our families. We want law and order, not just once in a while, but always and everywhere. The guards of the Whitin Machine Works are the men who provide you with such protection while you are at work.

The trained, uniformed guards, numbering thirty-eight men, are on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, providing your place of employment with security, fire prevention, good discipline, safe delivery of payroll, and traffic organization and control.

We employees sometimes overlook the fact that our industrial plant covers fifty-eight acres of floor space, and that it is a vital cog in the defense plans of the United States of America. But the Communists don't forget that fact. They're always trying to obtain complete information about all large manufacturers, hoping to use this information if and when an invasion by enemy forces occurs. These Communist Agents are interested in floor layout, production, capacity and all other factors. The only way these people can be kept out of our plant is by the guards' strict enforcement of security measures; one of the most important of these being presentation of identification badges upon entry to the plant.

Another duty of the Guard Force involves a constant, hourly check of every room in every building to minimize the danger of fire. When you leave your job at the end of the day, you do so, secure in the knowledge that your plant is being well cared for in your absence. What would it mean to you to come to work some morning and find your plant destroyed by fire!

There are some motorists who speed past intersections, thereby endangering their own lives and the lives of others. These persons must be reprimanded. So also must an employee be reprimanded when he lights a cigarette in a dangerous place, creating a fire hazard which might cost you your life or means of livelihood. Just as law enforcement is necessary for your safety outside the plant, so also is enforcement of plant rules an essential factor in your safety while at work.

Target practice, an important part of a guard's training, is held every Monday at the range provided by the Company on Sutton Road. Several members of the Guard Force are expert marksmen and hold medals won at various pistol meets. This training, which enables the guards to provide adequate protection for your payroll, prepares them also for any urgent circumstance which might require the guard to risk his life for yours.

Although fifteen hundred cars come into Whitinsville every day (thereby creating a traffic problem of first magnitude) they are efficiently handled by the Traffic Division of the Whitin Machine Works Guard Force. Each car is provided with a numbered stall, assuring a safe, legal parking space. These lots are regularly patrolled by members of the Traffic Division to see that no one tampers with your car. We are proud of these parking facilities because they are among the country's finest parking arrangements for the use of employees.

In this brief article, I have endeavored to present a few pertinent facts regarding the duties of your Guard Force. I hope that if you had other views, you now more clearly understand that these men are working for you to protect your life and your job.

**Whitin Machine Works' guards. On the left is the night shift group, on duty from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. First row, from the left: Albert Mitchell, Vincent O'Neill, Ovila Jacques and Delbert McGaughey. Back row: Maximilian Winters, Samuel Magowan, Arthur Jackman, Jerrold Lloyd and John O'Neill. Absent were Howard Libbey, Arthur Marshall and Jordan Blakely. On the right are the two groups on the shifts from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. First row, from the left: David Demarais, Sgt. John Parsons, Chief Cullen and Frank Libbey. Second row: Clifford Ballon, Nicholas DeVries, Joseph Hebert, Ralph George, Charles Willard, Leslie Young and James Cahill. Third row: Peter Hoekstra, Forrest Noe, Edward Lawrence, Alexander Gray, William Galleshaw and Axel Peterson. Fourth row: William Lelievre, Joseph Boulanger, George Patterson, Charles Vandenakker, John Jackman and Philias Fregeau. Fifth row: Joseph Castangway, Ralph Anderson, Thomas Cullen, Paul Conlin and Antonio Bruneau**

The Van Nelle factory in Rotterdam processes tobacco, coffee and tea. This modern building was erected in 1933

# Whitin Erectors Report from Holland

Contrary to public opinion, the people of Holland are not primarily farmers. Forty per cent of Holland's people are gainfully employed in industry and mining, 20 per cent in agriculture, 12 per cent in commerce, 9 per cent in transportation, and the remainder of 19 per cent in other fields. According to letters received from Frank Adams, Whitin erector, Holland is rapidly becoming one of Europe's leading industrial centers.

Frank Adams, Clarence Morley and Dan Riddle, Whitin erectors, sailed from New York on June 30 and arrived in Holland on July 7. They proceeded to the town of Tilburg to install Whitin machinery at Spinnerij Swagemakers, Bogaerts. This is one of the leading woolen mills in the Netherlands. A few months ago we shipped a large installation of American-System equipment for worsted yarns to this mill. Our erectors report that this installation is attracting a great deal of attention, as most of Holland's textile machinery is manufactured in England.

Whitin erectors relaxing at a sidewalk cafe in Tilburg. From the left: A mill helper, Clarence Morley, Frank Adams and Dan Riddle

The Swagemakers, Bogaerts mill is owned and operated by the Swagemakers family. This mill is one of the most progressive and cleanest plants in the industry. It is noted for its ideal working conditions.

Frank Adams writes that Tilburg is a city of about 150,000 with a predominantly Catholic population. There are 26 Catholic churches, one Protestant and one Synagogue. There are three theaters in the city, the largest seats approximately 1000 people. There are only a small number of automobiles in Tilburg, the majority of them being American made. The general populace travels on tram cars, bicycles, or on foot.

On week ends our erectors also visited Amsterdam and Rotterdam. Rotterdam was heavily bombed during World War II but it has made a brave attempt to clean up the debris and rubble. There is a great deal of building going on, but apparently the damage was so widespread that it isn't making much of an impression in comparison with the number of buildings destroyed.

Frank Adams and Dan Riddle completed their jobs in Holland on August 31 and are now working on a comparable installation in Denmark. Clarence Morley left for Denmark on September 9, from there we hope to hear further news of Whitin installations.

Knowing many of our Whitin people are interested in Holland, we have asked "Frits" Engel to supplement

this report. "Frits" is a visitor from Holland. He has been here at Whitin for the past five months.

He informs us that during the 19th century the Netherlands expanded rapidly and especially during the last decade at which time they entered upon a new era of progress in commerce, industry, and the arts and sciences. How rapidly the country grew can be illustrated by the rise in population since the 17th century. At that time the total population was less than 1 million, in 1850 it was 3 million, in 1916 it was 6½ million, and at the present time it is slightly over the 10 million mark. This means that the Netherlands has a dense population of 723 people per square mile compared to 279 per square mile in our own state of New York. Its European territory is about the combined size of Connecticut and Massachusetts. Such a small country as Holland obviously cannot support such a population by the products of its own soil. During the latter part of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, Holland consequently became increasingly industrialized.

Today in 1950, production in Holland stands at 125 per cent of what it was during the year just prior to the outbreak of World War II. Holland is now producing one-quarter more than it did before its towns were destroyed, its factory equipment carried away, its bridges and railroad systems blown up or removed, its cattle stolen and its land flooded. Individual production is still somewhat lower than before the war. One of the reasons was the impossibility of training younger personnel during the occupation. However, a vigorous program of vocational training in specialized skills is rapidly overcoming this problem.

The tremendous material devastation after the war could not have been overcome without aid from the United States in the form of the European Recovery

**One of the several textile schools in Holland. This one is located in Tilburg in the woolen and worsted region**

Program. Without it, due to the lack of dollar currency, the Netherlands would have been unable to buy many necessary imports such as industrial equipment and raw materials for its factories and grains. With it, Holland in close cooperation with the other Marshall aid countries, is now able to help itself and stand on its own economic legs again. One of the most important fields ERP aid is making itself felt is housing. The destruction of one-quarter million homes during the occupation, in addition to an annual population increase of 100,000 per year, made new housing one of the most pressing needs. The goal has been set for 60,000 per year and already

**One of several apartment houses built in Rotterdam in 1950**

construction has increased from 1744 in 1945 to 30,000 units during 1948. This year close to 50,000 new homes will be built. An idea of the size of this project may be obtained from the fact that during 1948, 418 million dollars were spent on building alone. Housing took up less than half of it, the rest being accounted for by road and dyke repairs, the building of new factories, farms, churches, schools, hospitals and other public buildings. The railroad system which was almost completely destroyed is in full operation again. Streamlined electric trains now connecting all major cities throughout the country. It is interesting to note the extent of this reconstruction job. A total of 220 railroad bridges were blown up and 21 out of 24 of the most important road bridges were completely destroyed in this land of many rivers and canals.

Another vast but familiar job of reconstruction was the reclamation of the Island of Walcheren which was flooded by the blasting of its dykes by allied bombings, and the Wieringer Meer Polder of the Zuider Zee project flooded by the Germans. On Walcheren 37,000 acres of the 38,000 which were inundated with salt water are again under cultivation. This project was completed three years after the war instead of taking from seven to nine years as even the Dutch had expected.

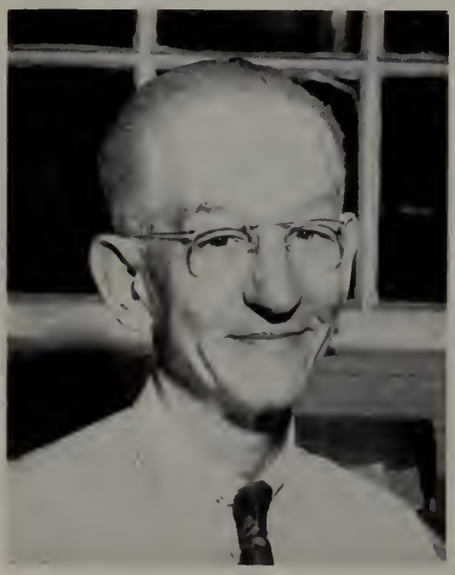
The shops and the shop windows today are filled again with a large variety of merchandise of good quality and everything except coffee is no longer rationed. These results have only been achieved by very hard work and material aid by the United States for which the Dutch people are truly grateful. As one of the administrators of the European Cooperation Administration in Holland, Dr. Allen Valentine, said on his departure to the United States in 1949, "Holland, in my opinion, has made the best use of American aid and in comparison with other countries they have achieved the best results."

# WHITIN MEN PROMOTED

Robert C. Walker, Foreman

## ROBERT C. WALKER

Robert C. Walker was recently appointed foreman of Department 481. He supervises the melting and distribution of iron throughout the Foundry. Bob came from Needham to Whitinsville with his folks in 1920. He attended our local grade schools and Northbridge High School. He went on to further his education at Bates College, and graduated in 1935 with a B.S. degree in chemistry. After working a year for the W. S. Libby Company in Lewiston, Maine, he came to Whitin to work in the chemistry laboratory. Bob was instrumental in establishing our first laboratory in the Foundry. While at Bates College Bob met his future wife, Ruth, who was also a Bates student. They were married in 1937 and have one son, John, who is nine years old. This summer Bob and Ruth spent most of their spare time redecorating their summer home in North Monmouth, Maine.



Estin L. Hill, Assistant Foreman

## ESTIN L. HILL

On November 20, Estin L. Hill was appointed assistant foreman of Department 446. Estin was born in Sutton. Shortly after his family moved to Worcester where he attended the local Worcester schools. In 1903 he moved to North Grafton where he now lives with Mrs. Hill. He has one daughter, Marion, who is married and lives in Worcester.

Estin started working at Whitin in 1933 on the Drawing Job under Ernest Keyes. He has been with this department since that time. During World War I he served overseas with the engineers. During the second World War he was in charge of erecting steam engines for liberty ships.

## IRVING ORRELL

Irving Orrell has been appointed foreman of the Milling Job. He was assistant foreman of this department for 21 years. Before starting his employment with Whitin in 1916, Irving attended Northbridge High School and Wentworth Institute. A short time later he served his time as an apprentice machinist. While apprenticing he worked in nine different departments, a few of which were Foundry, Core Room, Blacksmith Shop, Metal Pattern Job and Tool Job. In those days there were only two or three apprentices learning a trade at one time. After completing his training period, Irving served in a supervisory capacity on both the Spindle Job and the Gear Job. He was appointed assistant foreman of the Milling Job in 1929. Irving is married and has one son, Irving, Jr., 21 years old, who is now attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Reading and following sports keeps Irving, Sr., busy during his leisure.

Irving Orrell, Foreman

## GEORGE DAWE

George Dawe, newly appointed assistant foreman of the Milling Job, came to Whitin from Draper's in 1928. He first worked as a Milling machine operator. Later he was made a machine rigger and then a supervisor, a job he held until his recent promotion. George was born in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton, where he visited last summer. George, who lives on Oak Street, Whitinsville, is married and has three children, Dorothy, a local hairdresser; Joseph, age 21, a pattern maker at the Norton Company; and Shirley, age 14, a freshman at the Northbridge High School.

George Dawe, Assistant Foreman

# *Hobby*—Curios from the Orient

THREE years in China started James Cooper, of the Research Division, on a quest for Chinese curios. It all began on June 8, 1946 when Mr. Cooper arrived in Shanghai to work for the Anderson, Meyer & Company, Limited, a subsidiary of International General Electric Company. Jim had accepted a position in their textile machinery division as head of sales and engineering.

On week ends and holidays, using Shanghai as their headquarters, the Coopers spent their spare time sightseeing, and searching for Chinese curios. Among many places visited were the Generalissimo's summer home at Fenghwa, about 100 miles south of Shanghai; the Buddhist temples at Hangchow; and the ancient cave temples near there. On one trip they flew by airplane to Peiping in North China. It was here that they added a green jade laughing Buddha to their collection. They purchased the figure from a temple priest for three dollars, in this country it has an estimated value of 500 dollars. This is only one of the many interesting items the Coopers have in their collection. Many of their valuable pieces were found in the remote areas of China, where they were compelled to travel by river rafts and sedan chairs.

Ancient white jade dress ornaments, such as belt buckles and pendants, were among some of the more expensive pieces collected. In nearly all instances these personal affects were buried with the body of the owner and date from 200 B.C. to 500 A.D. The earth in which the pieces were buried have turned the jade from white to shades of red, yellow or tan. In cases where the ornament came in direct contact with the body the jade turned black. Many of the jade pieces are intricately designed. Those embossed with a dragon design denote they belonged to a royal family, while others like a knife or axe blade were ornaments of the warrior class.

Snuff bottles, at one time carried by Chinese men, were on sale in the shops and bazaars in almost endless number. These are made from white jade, china, turquoise, amber, silver and ivory. The price of these bottles ranged from 50 cents to 10 dollars with a few of the pure amber bottles selling for as high as 25 dollars.

The Coopers also have many interesting cloisonné opium tins in their collection. These tins are inlaid with ground-up precious and semiprecious stones of various colors. They are all 100 to 200 years old. During the Coopers' stay in China, opium smoking was banned except in some of the Western Provinces. Jim said this was one of the few Chinese customs he didn't care to try.

Another interesting part of their collection is the Chinese figures. Jim was able to find eight laughing Buddhas which he values highly. One is green jade, two of green quartz, one of pink quartz, one agate, one turquoise, one tiger stone and one dark mahogany. The prices he paid for these ranged from three dollars to 25 dollars. Each are valued at over 500 dollars in this country. Another figure is the Chinese lady made of ivory. She is unclothed and lies at full length on a wood stand. In old China an ill woman never visited her doctor. Instead the ivory figure was taken to him by a servant who explained her mistress' illness. The doctor in turn would then prescribe the proper treatment. In this manner no outsider ever beheld the ailing woman's body.

**Mrs. Cooper, wearing one of her mandarin jackets of black silk brocade, exhibits two of her children's jackets on a lacquered screen inlaid with figures of soapstone and pearl shell. The chest also has a finish of Chinese lacquer and is trimmed with brass**

Among miscellaneous items in the collection are Chinese scrolls dating back 500 years; complete opium smoking kit which includes a long ivory pipe, a small cloisonné cooking lamp, and a cloisonné tin in which ashes were emptied. Jim also has a section of a fossilized reptile found near Hankow, that is thousands of years old.

Jim learned that making purchases in China is an art that must be mastered first before a collection of curios can be made. The first price quoted by the shopkeeper was never considered final. Usually it was about twice the amount he expected to receive for the curio. Offers and counter-offers are generally made over a cup of hot tea until the dealer's price is about half his original quotation and then the sale is completed. Naturally some idea of values was necessary in order to keep ahead of the game, but in general one easy way was quickly mastered. Ivory, jade, silver and gold, each were valued by weight. Therefore a quick calculation of the weight times the market rate per ounce, plus about 10 per cent to cover labor cost (even on items made 2000 years before) gave a good starting point for bargaining.

When the Coopers were advised by the U. S. State Department to prepare to leave China due to the nearness of the Chinese Reds, they boxed and shipped 10 cases of curios which they had gathered during their three years' stay. The collection involved an expenditure of about $1,000 but in this country it is valued at many times that amount.

By Harold Case

I had a nice long vacation while Jim Brosnahan was writing up the Blackstone Valley Baseball League. I wish baseball was a year-round game here or better still I wish Brosnahan would hang up his "tooter" and pitch in with an occasional basketball write-up.

The present cage season is very young at this time and I would be a very high-priced medium if I could foretell how the teams would end up in the standing two months from now. Of course there are only five teams in the Community League and it is not really a very hard task to guess which will be in the play-offs. An 80 per cent chance is pretty good odds.

With odds like that I'd hazard an opinion that Avakians' and Fred's Chowdermen will be very close to being tied for top position. The P & Q Outfitters from Woonsocket will be in the thick of the fight. In many ways I think this club is as well balanced as any in the league. Douglas A.A. got off to a bad start but this team has the strength to give any team a tough night. Barron O'Rourke didn't win a game the first round but they came mighty close on two occasions. One game was dropped by eight points and another by only six. They could have easily split even with a little luck.

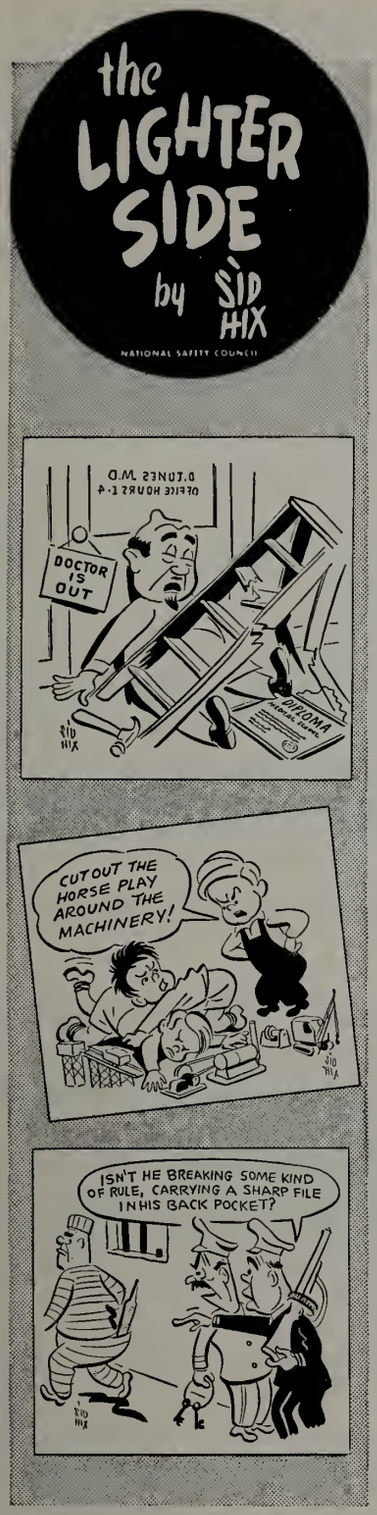
Each team has 12 games to go and I feel certain that the standings at the end of the first round are indicative of the final league positions.

The Church League is in its third year and as no games have been played at this time there isn't much to write about. The Congregational Church has won the past two years but by a coincidence all but one of the churches have lost their first string players. The Christian Reform is the only team to have back more than one starting player. For this reason I wouldn't attempt to second guess this league's outcome. It certainly won't be as fast as in previous years but the boys who had to take a back seat will now have their chance to learn to play a better brand of basketball.

The league for Junior High boys has just completed the first round and as usual it ended up with two teams tied for first place. There are four teams in this league and as the boys were split up as to ability the teams are very evenly matched and it is useless to predict the outcome. There are some surprisingly fine embryo ball players in this league and I hope to have some games played as preliminaries for the Community League. In other such games the fans seem to get a big kick watching these under teen-age players imitate Ratcliffe, Cawley and other well-known local players. So much for basketball and now to the other major local indoor sport, swimming.

Last year I wrote that I hoped to have many more swimmers this year and my wish came true. Two of the regulars are back and all summer and fall there have been anywhere from 12 to 15 human "fish" working out in the pool five times a week. Most of these boys and girls are only 12 to 14 years old and as yet competed in only one meet. The first meet of the '51 season was held December 19 in Pawtucket and seven girls participated. Only one had ever been in an indoor meet before and although the newcomers didn't place, several of them looked like they might be championship material within the next few years. Sally Marker came through with a bang and captured a New England Championship in the 100 yard free style event. She swam well enough to place in the Senior Division, which I hope she will do sometime this month. It looks like a fair season this year but not to put the jinx on I'll cross my fingers until it is over in April.

**Judy Simmons, 11 years old, in a jackknife dive. Judy is showing possibilities of developing into a good fancy diver**




Industry's continuing search for new ideas saves money for American homemakers in many ways. For instance, there is the manufacturer who makes pre-cut, pinned and ready-to-sew children's garments. They come without a single stitch in them, and the housewife can save up to $11 per garment, by just sewing them together.

Lady: "Well, doctor, was my operation a success?"

Man: "I'm not your doctor, I'm Saint Peter."

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Golfer (to members ahead): "Do you mind if I play through? I just heard that my wife has been taken seriously ill."

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The British war bride got off the liner as it docked in New York and saw her husband in the crowd on the wharf, almost hidden by the beautiful flowers he was holding. She threw her arms around him and sobbed: "Darling, it's so good to see you, but you shouldn't have bought so many flowers for me."

"Come, come, Katie, enough of that," said Herman crisply, "get busy now and help me sell 'em."

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Suitor: "Sir, Jane and I have decided that our happiness is the biggest thing in the world."

Father: "You change your minds so often—yesterday you wanted to marry her."

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The manager walked up to the new guest in the hotel lobby: "Your room is ready now, just because of a shortage of help you will have to make your own bed."

"Oh, I don't mind making my own bed."

"Fine," said the manager, "here's a hammer and saw."

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Two cannibals were attending a large banquet. Said one of them, "You don't seem to be very happy tonight."

"No," replied the other cannibal, "I get so fed up with people!"

Even a tombstone will say something good about a man when he is down.

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Two little girls were discussing their families. "Why does your grandmother read the Bible so much?" asked little Nancy.

"I think," said little Ann, "that she is cramming for her finals."

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"Describe a bolt and a nut," a certain high school quizz demanded.

"A bolt is a thing like a stick of hard metal such as iron with a square bunch on one end, and a lot of scratching wound around the other end. A nut is similar to a bolt only just opposite, being a hole in a little square of iron sawed off short, with wrinkles around the inside of the hole."

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People are paid wages for doing the things they are told to do. People are paid salaries for doing whatever is up to them to do without being told. The difference in words is small, but the difference in dollars is amazing.

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"Not a day passes but my wife shows her incompatibility."

"Ain't it a shame the way women dress these days?"

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When the little mink died and went to heaven, St. Peter told him, "We haven't had any minks up here before, so we don't know exactly what to do for you. However, you were a very good little mink on earth and we want you to be happy, so we will give you anything you want."

"Please, St. Peter," pleaded the little mink, "could I have a coat made out of chorus girls?"

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

Last month it was reported that "Dillinger" Oolovgian was the seventh most decorated war veteran in the county. This was a typographical error. It should have read, "the seventh most decorated war veteran in the country." This is certainly a record to be proud of.

Now that our country has been declared in a state of emergency, it looks like we will have to buckle down on the production lines and produce more than ever before. In fulfilling our duties to this country let us keep up our good spirits and a good sense of humor.

During the past month, 25-year service pins were presented to David Picard, Sr., and Alfred J. Nolet of the Polishing Job. Fifteen-year pins were also presented to Arthur Taylor and Harry Cornell of the Spinning Department. Later I hope to get a full write-up on you four men, so I'm warning you to have a picture ready for me. . . .

We were sorry to learn of the death of Henry Brodeur in Manchester, New Hampshire, the latter part of October. Henry, at one time, was employed on the machine division of 448. . . . The boys from the Wool Division who argued so much about who was going to pay for the coffee for the seven of them at Cooper's the other day, were rather embarrassed when their timekeeper Jennie Saunders paid the cashier. We are glad to relate that the boys later bought her a box of chocolates.

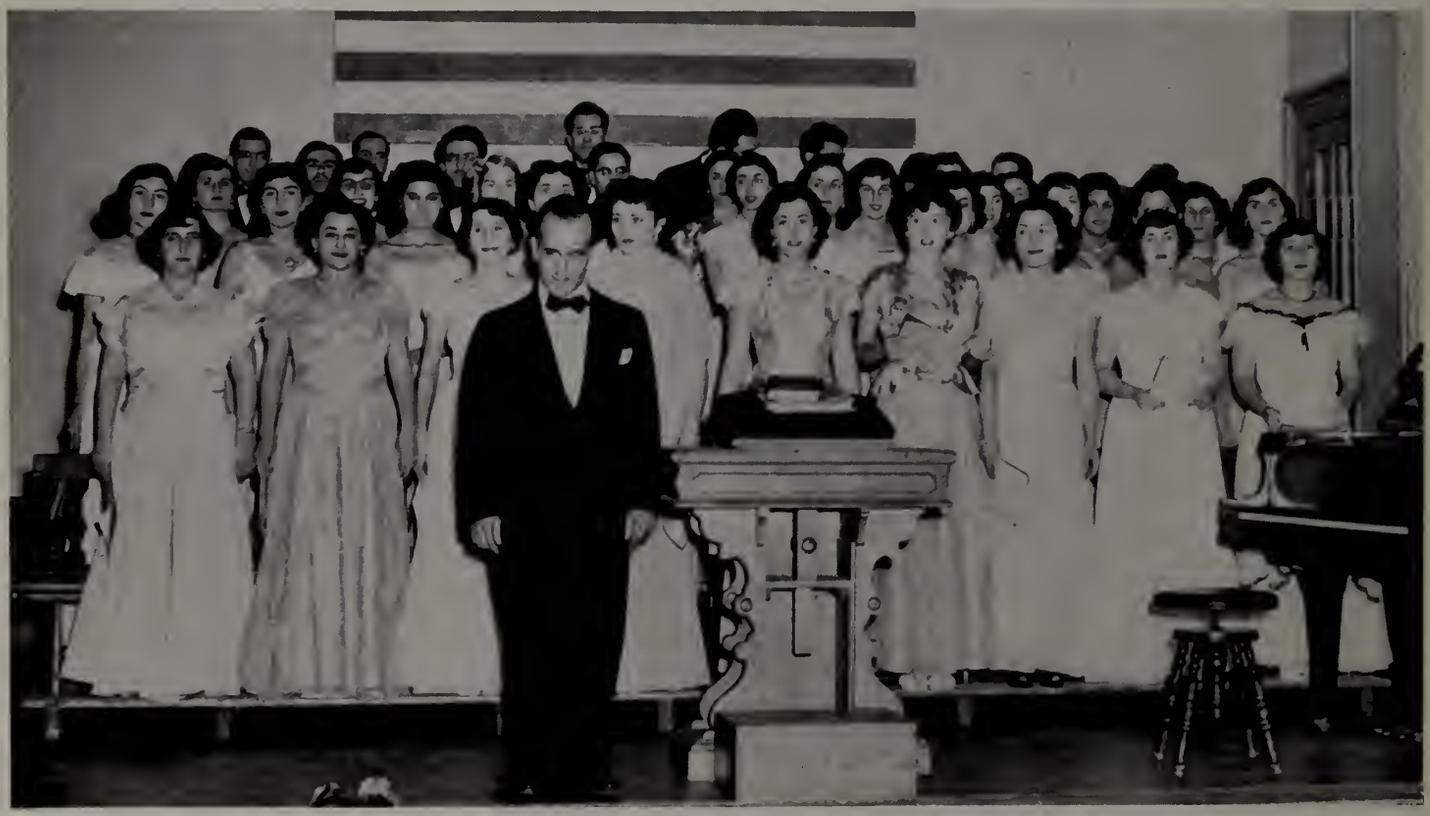
Henrietta Duda was the surprised guest at a birthday party held for her during the noon hour. Cake and refreshments were served. . . . "Buster" Bromley and Clinton White were among the deer hunters who reported seeing white tails at a distance. . . . The Wool Division held their party at the Polish Hall in Farnumsville, Saturday, December 16. From all reports, the supper, catered by Mrs. Walker of East Douglas, was very good. . . . We welcome the following men to our department: Leo Guertin, Ellis Burgess, Robert Stewart, E. Nesluson, R. Chouinard, E. Benoit, N. Dadeau, L. Degrange, E. Defusco and Bob Bosco.

## CARDS AND CARPENTER SHOP

*by Millie Turgeon*

Our foreman, Mr. Andrew Baird has completed over 51 years of service in the Shop. He retired at the end of the year. On December 14 members of Departments 422 and 419 presented him with two beautiful leather traveling bags, a large two-suiter, and an overnight case. Our Assistant Divisional Superintendent, Mr. Robert Stuart, acted as spokesman in behalf of the two departments. That evening, Mr. and Mrs. Baird were our guests at a dinner held in their honor at the Klondike Inn. A dance program followed the dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Baird entertained us with an exhibition waltz (and mighty good it was!), with others joining in after. All who attended had a grand time. We're going to miss you, "Andy," in many many ways. Your willingness to understand your workers' problems was most appreciated, your friendliness to all, your good-natured joking, yet sternness whenever necessary made all like and respect you, and really want to work for you. May you and Mrs. Baird enjoy many more happy years together. Don't forget to do a little leisurely traveling. (Gotta make use of those suitcases.)

Now it is time to introduce and welcome our new apprentice on the job, Johnny Stanovich, a quiet but cooperative fellow. He is learning toolmaking. Not too long ago, Johnny and his brother were running a chicken ranch on William's Hill, in North Uxbridge. They had 8000 chickens, but couldn't make a go of it. (Guess it was



**The Armenian Male Chorus of Boston, augmented by the combined Armenian Youth Federation Choruses of Whitinsville, Lawrence and Watertown, presented a concert in Memorial Hall, Whitinsville on November 19. Charles A. Garo, organist and choirmaster of Christ Episcopal Church, Somerville, conducted. The event marked the 80th anniversary of Gomitas Vartared, Armenian composer. Soloists were Grace Kazarian of Whitinsville and Ann Kazaghlanian of Boston**

**Andrew Baird, foreman of Departments 422 and 419, retired last month after completing 51 years of service in the Whitin Machine Works. Robert Stuart, assistant divisional superintendent, on behalf of the employees, presented Andy with two leather traveling bags. Mr. and Mrs. Baird were guests of honor at a dinner given by the members of the two departments**

pretty hard getting enough water up there during the dry spells for all those chickens, wasn't it, Johnny?)

"Chewie" Lucier and his wife celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on November 30. May you enjoy many happy years together. . . . Belated birthday greetings to "Bob" Stuart, our assistant divisional superintendent, whose birthday was December 3, and to Mary Paul, whose birthday was December 16. . . . A Happy New Year is doubly wished to Martin Bloem. He not only starts the calendar year with January 1 but a new year in his own life as well. "Shadow" Beauregard celebrates his birthday January 14, Henry Beaudoin's falls on January 21 as does Glen Leveille's and our new foreman winds up the January birthdays on the nationally celebrated January 30.

## CORE ROOM

*by Francis Shugrue*

Our mystery picture last month was Zeigi Buczneski. . . . Congratulations are in order for Jack Martin and his wife who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. Jack, who works in the Core Room, was married in Belfast, Ireland on Christmas Day in the year 1900. A party was held recently in their honor at their son Frank's home in Uxbridge. . . . Jack Sharkey, who was inducted into the Army recently from the Core Room, is now stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. . . . Joseph Arpin has been sick at his home for several weeks and we all wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Ronny Emery joined the many hundreds of hopeful deer hunters on the last day of the deer season and went tramping the woods in vain. Ronny states he got a good look at a large deer but his gun wasn't loaded.

**Tom Roche at Fort Lee, Virginia. Tom is a mailman and says all he needs now is a Wac to bring him his breakfast**

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

The boys are getting their tilts ready for a season of fishing through the ice. Ed Connors, Pete Prymak and George McNelly seem to be very enthused. . . . Fred Gray is leaving the Yard to go back to farming in Uxbridge. The boys will miss him as Fred was the official paper boy for the outfit. They wish him luck in his new enterprise. . . . The fellows in the Garage are glad to see Larry O'Neil back on the job and looking so well. Larry wishes to thank all those who sent cards to him while he was hospitalized. . . . We are happy to see Jack Barritt back on the job after being out sick for several days. . . . A successful Christmas party was held by the Green Lantern boys. Among those present were George Barasso, "Chicken" Deane, Matt Pilnik, Jim Hagan and that well-known singer of folk songs, Anthony Campo.

## SPINDLE JOB

*by Edward Bates*

Ysbrand Brouwer, who retired a couple of months ago, was in to visit his friends on the Spindle Job. He looks as fine as ever. . . . Men awarded service pins last month were Joseph Noel for 30 years; Howard Boisvert for 30 years; Peter Cooper, Donat Picard and William Chiras each received 25-year pins. Congratulations.

**Arthur Clark has been the grounds keeper at Vail Field for many years. He is assisted now by his son Arthur, Jr.**

Arthur Clark, Sr., is our Spindle Job personality for January. Arthur has been a spindle straightener since starting here in 1907. He is well known in local sports circles. From 1939 to 1946 he managed the Clark's Independents in basketball and baseball. He turned out some of the best semi-pro teams in the Blackstone Valley. In his younger days Arthur was an outstanding athlete at the Hartford School for the Deaf. While there he played baseball, football, roller polo, and hockey. After leaving school he starred as a catcher for the Wason Car Works of Springfield. Later he played halfback on the Milford A.A. semi-pro football team. This team was unbeaten for two years. It is interesting to note that when the team was in a huddle the plays were given to Arthur by numbers marked on the canvas sleeve of the quarterback. His son Arthur, Jr., is also interested in sports. He plays basketball for the Worcester Deaf Club.

We are sorry to report that John Crabtree is ill in the Memorial Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## PICKERS AND DRAWING

*by Sid Miedema*

Management presented Louis Hayward, a veteran Picker erector, his 30-year pin; John Skeary, supervisor, his 25-year pin; Joe Gervais, his 15-year pin; and Pete Hayward, his 10-year pin. Congratulations to them. . . . Frying sausages in the Army and frying them at home makes a big difference, so John Youngsma has found. He was showing his wife how it should be done in the broiler only to have the even contents burst into flame. It took two pails of water to quench the fire. The sausages were burnt to a crisp and John's mustache was singed by the flame. His wife is now doing the cooking. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Christine Rajotte, who spent three weeks in the Whitinsville Hospital, combating double pneumonia. . . . Peggy Rice made an overnight trip to Vinal Haven to enjoy her Thanksgiving dinner amongst lobster and fishermen.

We welcome back to this department, "Shorty" Delval after an absence of 19 months. . . . Norman Gagnon, Parts in Process man at 421, has signed up with the Army Air Corps Reserve. . . . Rose Coperelli is the proud owner of a nice new Chevrolet. It certainly has class. . . . Hector Roy and Darius Allaire have been with Whitin five years and were presented service pins. We hope they will have many more years here at 446. . . . The red nose reindeer on Dicky Dubois' sweater brought him comment till he apparently told his wife who has now bought him a nice blue sweater. No reindeer.

## ROVING SMALL PARTS, FLYER JOB AND ERECTING

*by Marcel Lustenberger*

Congratulations to Oral Cogbill who recently received his five-year pin, and to Peter Kurek on receiving his 30-year one. . . . We are glad to have Malcolm Sweenie back with us, after being out nine weeks with a broken leg. . . . We welcome our new time clerk Mary K. Fontaine of East Douglas. Mary recently graduated from Clark University where she majored in Business Administration. . . . The girls of Department 427 sure had a pretty tree this year. The tree was donated by Bill Lyman, lights by Art Litke and decorations by Marcel Lustenberger. . . . Ed Dennett, in Worcester Memorial Hospital since November 20, certainly was pleased with the candy, cigarettes, and flowers received from the boys of Department 447.

Donald Benson had a rather close call the other morning. Unable to start his car, he poured gasoline on top of the carburetor and had his wife step on the starter. The engine burst into flames. Donald quickly grabbed the can of gasoline which was in flames, and tossed it one side then beat out the flames in the car. Only loss was a washing on a clothes line which caught fire from the burning can. Congratulations on the quick thinking, Donald. . . . Jack O'Brien smelled smoke the other night but was unable to locate the source. The mystery was solved when Mrs. O'Brien removed from the three-way floor lamp Jack's hat which had shrunk so much he couldn't wear it.

No. 11 Crib held their annual Christmas party at noon December 21. It was attended by members of the Crib and guests from the Production Department. The Crib was decorated with Christmas trimmings and also a Christmas tree. Gifts were exchanged. Paul Devlin acted as master of ceremonies. Solos were sung by Paul Devlin with Joan Murphy accompanied on the harmonica. Felix Youngsma gave a short talk on the spirit of the holiday. A good time was had by all. Al Boilcan and Anne Limanek had charge of arrangements.

## COST DEPARTMENT

*by Oscar Erickson*

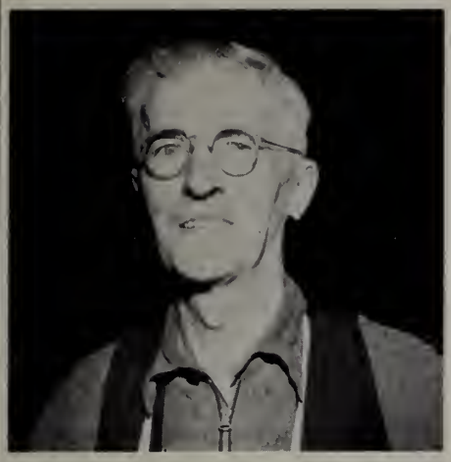
Eighty-five members of the Cost Department attended the Christmas party in the Odd Fellows Hall, Saturday, December 16. Included in the evening's program were three one-act comedies starring members of the department. In the first skit, "If Men Played Cards as Women Do," were Ken Maynard, Herb Barnes, Jack Shaw and Oscar Erickson. The second comedy, "An Evening in the Life of Beatrice and John," was played by Joan MacFarland and Howard Cook. The third skit was entitled "Office Hours," with Marion Kreel as the nurse, Lionel Lahousse the patient, and Cal Hubbard the doctor. The evening's entertainment was concluded with a buffet lunch catered by Mrs. Walker and dancing to the music of Ray Boudreau's orchestra. The committee in charge of the successful party consisted of Chairman Howard Cook, Ken Maynard, Florence Pieleski, Joan MacFarland, Bob English, Helen Sitnik, Cal Hubbard, Virginia Wood, Oscar Erickson, and Lorna Abramek.

**Frederick "Frits" Engel has returned to Holland to study for his Master's degree in mechanical engineering. He has been a visitor at Whitin for the past five months. Time did not permit "Frits" to visit all of his friends before he left and therefore has asked the "Spindle" staff to wish each of them the best of health and happiness in the New Year**

## WAGE STANDARDS

*by Angelina Fettuccia*

The welcome mat is extended to Phil Kozak formerly from Methods Department. Also, Ernest Kivlin from North Attleboro and James Hudner from Fall River. . . . A Christmas dinner was held on Thursday, December 14 at the Colonial Club in Webster. Lobster, steak, and turkey were served to a well-attended gathering of Wage Standards' members and their guests. . . . Farewell has been wished to Mrs. Eleanor Ranieri who has left our employ to take up domestic duties. . . . Birthday greetings for December to: Kenneth Mattson, William McGrath, Harley Simmons, and Leonard Skerry.



Adolph Roy

## SPINNING SMALL PARTS

*by James Buckley*

Adolph Roy is our department personality this month. He has been with the Whitin Machine Works since 1900. Dolph, as he is better known, was born in Canada on October 11, 1881. He came to the United States in 1898 and resided in Maine, until he moved to Linwood in 1900 where he still lives. Dolph has worked in the same department for 50 years. When he started working at Whitin, Spinning Small Parts was located where Department 426 is today and later where Department 411 is now. Dolph has worked under six foremen in his 50 years' service. He is married and is the father of one daughter and three sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Forsythe celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary recently. Mrs. Forsythe formerly worked in the laundry. . . . Florence Zeroogian, our ardent Red Sox fan, and I mean ardent, is back to work after a short illness. Probably the recent trading deals of the Red Sox speeded her recovery. . . . George Ferry, one of this department's inspectors, recently celebrated his 75th birthday and was feted a small party by his co-workers during the lunch hour. . . . Wouldn't it be funny if Wilfred St. Jean didn't have a cigar in his mouth, Vic St. Andrew forgot to wear his paper hat, Harry Freeman couldn't smoke and "Doc" Morin ran out of gas. (Doc's brother runs a gas station.) . . . Raymond Demers went hunting for deer a few weeks ago armed with a 12 gauge double-barrel shotgun and a pocket full of Double O Buck shells. That night Raymond was seen with three squirrels or what remained of them going down D Street. Where is all that venison you promised, Ray?

## BOX JOB

*by Bernice Asdikian*

Once more we are glad to have back some of our old friends. Bill Durkin, Clem Chiras, Bill Beausoleil, Henry Coutu, Eddie Nelson, Joe Pihun and Johnny Wocjik are nailing boxes again in Department 440. Bill Durkin has been married since we saw him last. Although a little belated, our heartiest congratulations from all of us to Bill and Mrs. Durkin. . . . Two of our men were presented pins on December 18, 1950. Albert Emond received his award for having worked here 10 years and Paul Grenon for 15 years' service. Felicitations and best wishes to you both. . . . We have a self-appointed committee of two who act as press agents for the Blue Eagle. Both Fred Pope and Bill Murphy often tell me about the delicious and plentiful meals they enjoy. It's no place to go to eat if you are dieting.

## GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The Whitin Male Glee Club is making preparations for its next concert Monday, February 19 in the Whitin Memorial Gym. The chorus of 60 voices will be under the direction of C. Alexander Peloquin. A program of sacred music will be presented. The proceeds will be donated to the Whitinsville Hospital. Tickets may be obtained from club members.

### Short Short Story—It Didn't Happen Here

*Experienced Boxmaker to New Man:* Why are you discarding so many nails?

*Green Hand:* A good many of these nails have the heads on the wrong end.

*Old Timer:* How dumb can you get? You use those on the other side of the box.

Rusty Durand's favorite sport is hunting, but right now, he is a little discouraged. It seems a friend of his loaned him a dog for a hunting trip. According to his owner, there was no better animal. However, Russ and Fido just didn't speak the same language, and little hunting was done to say the least. Next time, Rusty, do a turnabout. You do the retrieving and give the dog the gun. And this is all for now. From all of us to all of you, the happiest of New Year's.

**A group of Whitinsville Carolers, singing songs of our Saviour's birth, brought comfort to many of our local shut-ins on Christmas Eve. The Carolers were organized by Samuel Currie and directed by Frank N. Stone. This year approximately 50 townspeople participated in the singing. It is the hope of the organization that next year an even greater number will volunteer their services. Part of the group are shown above singing at the Christmas tree on the common**

**The Drafting Room held its Christmas party at the Colonial Club in Webster on December 18. Sixty-four were present to enjoy the dinner of turkey, steak, ham or lobster. The group enjoyed having Tom Carey, sports writer, drop in and say a few words. Top: Leading Christmas Carols, from the left: George Deeks, Leo Roy, Cyril Taylor, Ken Piper and Bob Crossland. Seated: Betty Wood and Peggy Deome. Bottom: From the left, Ray Boudreau, Stella Boudreau, Evelyn Baron, James Arsenault, Edward Potvin, Jennie Potvin, Ben Gryncewicz, Janet Noble, Bob Crossland, George Burgess and Jimmie Orrell**

## NICKEL-PLATING AND PARKERIZING

*by Rene Ethier*

Much to Philip Heney's surprise the other night he left work and forgot to change his cap. He didn't notice it until he got on the bus. 'Twas a bit cooler, said Phil. . . . Dosilva Beauchamp and the rest of his fellow workers seemed to be all tuckered out after the holidays. However, said Dan, he had a wonderful time with his family. . . . Eddie Leduc, a Boston College fan, and Uncle Cliff Rivet, a Holy Cross fan, had quite a time following the football games between the two teams. Eddie Leduc was not there to witness the Holy Cross games but Cliff was and he can prove it. He had to hire a truck to bring the goal post home. (We wonder what he's going to build with it.)

**Normand Beauchamp has been with the U. S. Army for three years. He was stationed in Germany the last two years. His father, Dosilva, is a supervisor on the Parkerizing Job**

Department 431 sends William Lawson, our foreman, wishes for a speedy recovery at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. A bouquet of flowers was sent to Bill from his employees. I understand that he's coming along fine and is expected back home soon. Bob is also on our sick list. We hope that he is feeling better and will be back with us following the holidays.

## CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

*by "Rusty" Malkasian*

"Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men." I'm wondering if these words are familiar to the people of foreign countries. Have you ever stopped to think what these words really mean?

The holidays just passed were pleasant ones for these departments. The Christmas spirit here was more evident than it has been for years. New Year resolutions were made by the dozens and needless to say they will all be kept. . . . Ruth Magill had the misfortune of falling down the stairs recently and shortly afterward a chair she was sitting on fell apart. Hang in there Ruth, 1951 looks like it will be a much better year all around. . . . Andy Cononi is all prepared to throw the bull. He has a bright red satin shirt he wears and it is really an eye opener. . . . Len Hinchcliffe's T.V. aerial is only half its original height after the big blow last month. Len says he likes it this way. . . . Norm Spratt has decided that T.V. is here to stay and consequently has joined the parade of T.V. owners. After building a beautiful table for his set he decided he would rather have a console model. Anybody want a good table?

Edgar Harpin had a grand time during the Christmas season. He visited Santa Claus regularly at the Outlet Company in Providence and showed a great deal of interest in all kinds of toys. We wonder if he told Santa what he wanted. . . . As a Christmas present to his family, Art Houle rented a cottage for them while he refinished his own home from top to bottom. His family spent Christmas in their newly renovated home.

Al Violette was a most welcome visitor last month. He is in the U. S. Army stationed at Virginia. Al is a bulldozer and tank specialist and likes it very much. Good luck Al and we hope you'll soon be back working with us. . . . The years have finally caught up with us in Department 417. Last month Leroy Clarke was presented his 40-year service pin, Amede Talbot received his 25-year pin, Art Roberts his 15-year pin, and Bob Conlee his 10-year pin. Congratulations men!

I don't know if we won first prize for the best looking Christmas tree in the Shop last month, but believe me we had a honey. . . . "Cookie" Barnes was observed marching around Worcester at Christmas time while his wife Eva was doing the shopping. "Cookie" didn't look too unhappy about the whole affair.

**The last car to travel the Linwood Street Railway was driven by Tom Taylor, February 28, 1935**

## RING JOB

*by Everett A. Gaspar*

The nativity display in the home of Adrien Morin on Providence Road in Plummers caused a lot of good comments from the people who had been fortunate enough to see it. It consisted of the three wise men traveling over a mountainous land, and an angel was shown slowly circling overhead visiting each of the men. In the background "Silent Night, Holy Night" slowly revolved. The manger and babe was shown in the foreground. Many passers-by stopped for several minutes to study the complete scene. It took a lot of work and "Tut" and his wife, Theresa deserve a lot of credit for it. . . . Twelve of the women of the Job had their Christmas party on December 19 at the Klondike Inn. Gifts were exchanged and afterwards Jennie Devlin entertained by playing the piano. . . . Two of our co-workers have invested in new "trifles" —Virginia Hamlin has a new 1950 Hudson, and Joe Hetherington, a television set. . . . Annie Gniadek and her husband Rudy of the Tool Job spent Thanksgiving week end in New York City and took in a lot of shows and places of interest. They also got caught in the storm of that week end.

We were sorry to lose one of our inspectors, Eva Guertin to the Spindle Job, but she goes with best wishes of everyone. Woe unto the producers of spindles because Eva's eyes are very sharp. We welcome Mrs. Theresa Creasis, formerly of the Roll Job, to the Inspection organization. We hope she'll like inspecting rings, rings, rings, and more rings. . . . Roland Legare of the Hardening Room night shift has re-enlisted in the service. Best of luck to you, Roland. Replacing him is Ray Pickett of Thompson, Conn. William Coppfer is a newcomer on the day shift. We hope you'll like your work, fellows.

To the main floor we welcome Conrad Sansouci, Donald Cummings of Worcester, Walter Erickson of Woonsocket and Ernie Dionne, an ex-Ring Jobber. . . . The first half of the bowling season was won by the Longshots, captained by Ernie Tremblay with 44 points. Ernie Tremblay led in all departments—high single—132, high average —101.6—and high three—361. . . . Everyone was happy to see three of our women return to work after absences—Alice Cahill after her operation, Theresa Morin after a siege of the mumps, and Dorothy Stienstra after a case of virus pneumonia. Best wishes go to Chet Clark who is at Memorial Hospital in Worcester and to Jennie Devlin who entered St. Vincent Hospital right after Christmas. . . . Fred Brown deserves all the sympathy we can give him—the poor guy has to eat his own food concoctions while his wife is ill. It shouldn't happen to a dog!! . . . The twin sons of Ray Bishop received an unusual present on their first birthday, December 10—a baby sister. Sandra Louise was born on that date to Mrs. Bishop at Woonsocket Hospital.

## GEAR JOB

*by Doris Audet*

Jerry Larochelle is back on the Job after a few days' absence. He fell down stairs while attending night school in Worcester and sprained his ankle. Next time Jerry, slide down the bannister, but watch out for splinters. . . . We welcome to the department Irwin Brown, Earl Burrows, Francis Carr, and Earl Parker. We welcome Violet Cichonski, Reynold Cochrane, and Royal Deshaise to Stock Crib No. 15. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gouin celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on December 9 and we on the Gear Job wish them both many more years of happiness. . . . Birthdays are being celebrated this month by Agnes Spratt, Alex Jongsma, George Randall, Ray Wood, George Hilditch and Ray Gjeltma. We extend a Happy Birthday to you all. . . . The new apprentice seen on the Job these days is Wayne Burroughs. Hope you enjoy your stay on the Gear Job, Wayne.

You can ring up another first for the Gear Job and this time it was the Christmas party. There have been a great many Christmas parties this year, but we on the Gear Job got off to an early start when some 80-odd members of the department along with their families, invaded the Riverside A. C. in Sutton, on Saturday, December 9, to usher in the Christmas season, by partaking of a fried chicken dinner. Toastmaster for the evening was our foreman Peter Jongsma, who did a commendable job. Highlights of the evening were the songs of the Thompson sisters, daughters of our own Harry Thompson, and the distribution of gifts to all present, by our two (we do things in a big way on the Gear Job), Santa Clauses, in the persons of Bernie Skillens and Elvin Winchell. We've seen Santa Claus with a big round tummy, but we've never seen one as impersonated by Bernie Skillens, that is, a Santa with a square tummy. The evening's festivities were rounded out with dancing to the music of Harry Mitchell and his boys. All in all it was a Merry Christmas party for everyone present. . . . Our Superintendent, Mr. Jacob DeJong, presented 10-year pins to William Lennox, Frederick Erickson, Edward Holmes and Thaddeus Lewandowski. Congratulations boys and may you be with us for some time to come. . . . We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward LeBlanc on the birth of a son. Ed is one of our drill operators and is now the proud daddy of two sons and a daughter. . . . Charles Francis, who works on our top roll section, was married on Thanksgiving Day, in Blackstone, to Faith Longtin. Congratulations and we hope your married life is a happy and prosperous one.

**Top: Head table at the Gear Job Christmas party held at the Riverside A.C. From the left: Robert Allen, Toastmaster Peter Jongsma, Mrs. Peter Jongsma, Elvin Winchell and Mrs. Elvin Winchell. Bottom: The two Santa Claus impersonations are by Bernard Skillens, left, and Elvin Winchell**

**Did you recognize Belle Ferguson, of the Punch Job, as the Photo Mystery in December. The gentleman this month lives in the New Village and works on one of the erecting floors**

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Lydia Hickey*

This report is written by Jean Cunningham, substituting for our regular reporter Lydia Hickey, who has left us for awhile because of illness. Recover soon Lydia, and hurry back. We miss your cheerful whistle around the office. . . . Bob Courtemanche has left us and has joined the men in the Drafting Room. Phil Kozak also said "au revoir" and has started his duties in the Time Study Department. We of the Methods Department all want to take this opportunity to wish you boys the best of luck. Your witty remarks will be missed by all of us. Al Charbeneau changed his place from the routing section of the department to the methods section to work on jigs and fixtures. Ralph Kindler also departed and has taken his place with the boys across the hall under Arno Wagner. Hope he will be happy at his new work. . . . The welcome mat was extended to William Neulieb who hails from Webster and came to us from the Tool Job. We hope he enjoys his stay with us.

A letter was received by Don Hamblett from Donald Eaton who left us a short time ago to seek his fortune in sunny California. He would appreciate very much hearing from any of his former co-workers. For anyone interested, his address is, Mr. Donald Eaton, 7120 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 46, California. . . . Some of the men in the office are dreaming up little epigrams, each trying to outdo the other. One fellow suggested "If at first you don't succeed, try playing second base," but Lou Kenney took the cake with, "Some folks are just like buttons, always popping off at the wrong time."

The Bowling League is still going strong with Charlie Brouwer's team still in first place, and Bud Benner's team running a close second. Helen Altoonian is carrying away the honor of high single and high triple also. Charlie Brouwer is running off with these same two places for the men. . . . Ralph Kindler, Donald Gray and Henry Pariseau celebrated birthdays last month. Congratulations and many happy returns.

The Methods men seem to be having trouble with their cars lately. Cy Leibovitch while riding home one night last month started to drive his car up a hill—it stopped, and after much deliberation Cy drove the car to a near-by garage for a repair job. The next morning the car was in shipshape order and Cy was driving to work at a normal rate of speed when crash!!! Someone smacked him in the side. Result—the car is back in the garage and Cy is wearily treading his way to work sadly waiting for the car to be repaired again.

## MAIN OFFICE

*by Alice M. Ferguson and Thelma Vandersea*

The welcome mat is out to two former employees—Claire Houle and Edith Burns, also to Arnold Hill of Cambridge and to Clayton Cleverly, Jr. of Department 466. . . . The Main Office and Second Floor held their annual Christmas party at Chicken Pete's in Milford on Thursday, December 14. A good time was had by all including Santa Claus who distributed gifts to everyone. . . . The Payroll and Billing Departments held their Christmas party in the office on Wednesday, December 20. Mrs. Walker of East Douglas catered. . . . Frank Polucha is going in for home economics and started in by baking a marble cake for his wife. We wonder why it turned out so good. Did it come out of a package, Frank?

**"If I had known you were coming I would have baked a cake" is what Chef Frank Polucha may be saying in the future**

## GRINDER JOB

*by Dorothy Antoian*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buma, who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on November 19, 1950. . . . Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ferraro, who celebrated their ninth anniversary on November 22, 1950. . . . It's good to see Gerald Goyette back on the Job, and still flashing that grin of his. Gerry is the grinder who severed his finger several weeks ago, and just returned to work recently. Glad to have you back on the Job, Gerry. . . . Service pins were presented to three men by Mr. William Steele: Ludgar "Gus" Gauthier—10 years, William Such and Ernest Littizzio—15 years.

We've heard some good hunting stories, but this one tops them. Abraham "Abe" LeCour and John Lougie of the night shift went deer hunting. The strategy was for "Abe" to chase the deer down the ridge, and John was to shoot to kill. While John was waiting, being an alert hunter, he fell asleep. LeCour chased the deer down, and stood on the ridge frantically waving his arms, to awaken Lougie. However, Lougie snored on, the deer looked him in the face, and went merrily on his way. . . . We welcome Taeke Wynga, and Marcel Beausoliel, who work on the lathes during the night shift. Also, Norman Deragon who is now the night timekeeper. Helen Sitnik, time clerk, has been transferred to the Cost Department, and is now replaced by Francis Coyle, formerly of the night shift. . . . Richard Raymond is the new apprentice and Al Santoro, the new inspector. . . . William Duggan left us to work at Draper's. Henry Cahill, of the night shift, has now entered the service of the Army Air Corps.

The annual Christmas party was held on December 22 with the exchanging of gifts. Refreshments were enjoyed by all; the ice cream being provided by the foreman. Here's hoping each and everyone had a pleasant holiday, and may the new year hold many pleasant surprises for all of you.

## REPAIR DEPARTMENT

*by Mame Britton and Charles Polucha*

Three new members have been added to our office from the Production Department: Alice Kroll, Jimmy Marshall and Charlie Anderson. . . . We are sorry to report at this writing that our regular reporter, Janet Pieleski is out ill. We sincerely hope she will have a speedy recovery. . . . Our petite co-worker, Helen Valladoa has found it necessary to leave our employ. We will miss your pleasant smile Helen.

Our Christmas party, held in the office Thursday, December 14, was, to put it mildly, a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the party, especially Charlie Pearson, who didn't stop eating until the curtains were drawn and the cat put out. One of the most surprised men at the party was Herb Lightbown when he was presented with a birthday cake. Al Nelson as Santa, was a big addition to the group of funmakers, and Harry Drinkwater's

Alex T. Brown

take-off on that ageless poem "Night Before Christmas" put the folks in a happy frame of mind. Oh yes, we had food, singing of carols and plenty of practical joke gifts. We hope to have some snapshots of the party in the next issue of the SPINDLE, courtesy of Carl Dupree.

## MILLING JOB

*by Marie Ebbeling*

The employees of the Milling Job congratulate Mr. Irving Orrell who has been appointed our foreman and Mr. George Dawe, our new assistant foreman. May the Lord grant both of you health, strength and wisdom to carry on your positions for many years to come. . . . Thomas Daley and Steve Bombara really get interested in what they are doing. While riding home on the same bus one afternoon Steve was reading the SPINDLE and Mr. Daley was having a nap. At the end of the line the bus driver got up to get out and lo and behold these two gentlemen were still in the bus. Imagine their surprise when they came to!

We welcome the following new employees to our department: Joseph Girouard, Edgar McDonald, Jr., Simeon St. Hilaire, Edward Jussaume, Richard Brown, Raymond McKay, Walter Bomba, Delphis Thibodeau, Ernest Racicot, Jean Milette, and Louis Lavalee. . . . A very happy birthday to the following: William Ratcliffe, Gerard St. Germain, Nicholas Colonero, Narcisse Cournoyer, George Des Barres, Rose Gigargian, Alfred Guilbault, William Huguley, Richard Marshall, Joseph Popek, Emile Laquerre, Thomas Barbosa, Anzo Pierdominici, Arthur Allaire, Treva Henault, Sylvia Paszkewicz, and Florian Boucher. . . . We are all happy that Dick Hyland came home from the hospital before the holidays. His family greeted him with a television set. Come in and see us some time, Dick. . . . Congratulations to Joseph Beaudoin for receiving a 25-year pin. Cheer up Joe, the first 25 years are the hardest. . . . Pete Nash is now the proud owner of a bulldog. I'm told he is training him to be a seeing-eye dog.

Mr. A. T. Brown, foreman of the Milling Job, has retired after 60 years in the service of the Whitin Machine Works. He was made assistant foreman of the Milling Job in 1900 and foreman in 1925 and recently he completed his 49th year on this job. Al has lived in Whitinsville all his life and has seen the Whitin Machine Works grow from a small shop to its present tremendous size. Last month Irving Orrell, George Dawe, Clifford Mason, Pete Nash and Raymond VanDyke, on behalf of the Milling Job, visited Al at his home and presented him with a purse of money. Members of the department wish Al many years of happiness in his retirement.

**This is the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Joost DeVries. The house was built by Joseph Beaudoin. Both Joost and Joe work on the Milling Job. Members of Department 416 wish Mr. and Mrs. DeVries many years of comfort and happiness in their new home**

## ROBERT I. DALTON, SR.

Mr. Robert I. Dalton, Sr., Southern Agent, was elected Vice-President of the Whitin Machine Works at the directors' meeting held November 28.

He has been associated with Whitin activities in the South since 1902 and was appointed agent for the territories of North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia in 1919, holding the position since that time. He will continue in that capacity with the rank of vice-president.

Mr. Dalton was largely responsible for the establishment of our Whitin repair shop in the South. This project started on a small scale in 1930, and has developed into a modern service for mills throughout the South.

A resident of Charlotte, Mr. Dalton is the father of four sons. One of them, Robert, Jr., is also connected with the Whitin organization in Charlotte.

## AUTOMATIC SCREW JOB

*by Connie Blouin and Jane Ann Rondeau*

Ethyl Varterisian of 411 Inspection is now giving bowling lessons. It seems that she even surprised herself when she bowled high single down at the Pythian Alleys, with a score of 112. The payoff was $1.00 for the champ. Why didn't you bowl another string after that high score, Ethyl? . . . Service pins were given out this month to Richard Sanderson for 30 years' service and to Clifford Goyette for 25 years. Congratulations fellows. We hope you will both be with the company to receive your 40-year pins. . . . Charles Randall was made a proud grandfather for the first time when a girl was born to his daughter Phyllis Shugrue. Does that make you feel any older, Charlie? . . . Jennie Scott has left us and was transferred to 489. We hope you like your new job, Jennie. I know we will all miss you at Department 411.

## ROLL JOB

*by Cesag Onanian*

Andrew Buwalda

The personality of the month is Andrew Buwalda. Andrew was born in Holland and came here in 1905. His first job was with Mr. Burnap on outside maintenance. This however, was only a summer job, during the winter he worked in different departments throughout the Shop. He started on the Roll Job in 1915 and has been here ever since. For the last six years Andy has been a lathe hand. Prior to this job he did general shop work and coupled rolls. He was married in Whitinsville in 1912 and is the father of two daughters. In his younger days Andy was renowned for his skating ability. He won a number of races on the local ponds. At one time he also did a great deal of hunting and fishing. His pastime now is baseball.

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kane who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on November 24. . . . Forrest Peck and John Rutana are out because of illness. We wish them both a speedy recovery. . . . Mike Ardesian's memory is slipping—he parked his car in front of the bank and forgot where he left it. . . . Mr. Bolton presented Harold Kane a 40-year service pin and Henry Gagne a 25-year service pin. Mr. Lees presented Edward Ebbeling and Edward Kmiotek with 15-year pins; Jacob Sohigian and David Miedema with 10-year pins.

Mary Whalen, on the right, with a friend

James Kane, Jr., 16 months, and Mary Ellen, 3½ years, are a little awed by Santa Claus as they told him what they wanted for Christmas. Their father, James Kane, Sr., works in the Production Dept.

Stuart Jacobs has moved into his new home on Golthwaite Road. We wish Stuart and his family a lot of happiness. . . . Many new men have joined our department, we welcome them to the Job. . . . After our Christmas party at the Colonial Club in Webster, Harold O'Connell took the wrong road home and ended up in Oxford. . . . Birthday greetings to Hazel Trainor, Lucy Ross and Patsy Pocaro. . . . For a change our bowling team didn't finish in last place in the first half of the schedule but if we had some of the women on the Job bowling, we would probably finish on top. Mrs. Frances Haringa hit 324 one night last month.

## WINDER JOB

*by Floyd Gudanowski*

Our personality for this month is Mary Whalen. She recently received her 10-year pin and is one of the original Winder Crew, who started here in 1941. She was born in Whitinsville where she attended the local schools. Mary is married now and makes her home in Millville. She is usually responsible for the success of all our Winder parties.

Harvey Youngsma has returned to work after being forced to take over for his father who was injured in an accident. . . . Coach DeGaetano has given Stanley Frodyma his unconditional release and sent Bill Van Ness out on option. He has also been looking over some of the prospects who have been added to the Job, namely: Robert Conley, Edward Kurtyka, Alfred Remillard, Colman Manning, Albert Ethier, Roger Pariseau, Arthur Keown, Stanley Lisak, Russell Sonier, Louis Paquette, Tom Lennox, Abe Koury, Charles Duggan, Vernon Farland, Lester Lemay and Robert Orr. . . . Big Frank Zajonc is training at Camp Pickett, Virginia, sends his regards and holiday greetings to everyone on the Job. . . . We wish Oscar Ampagoomian a speedy recovery from his recent illness. . . . Betty Butler spent her Christmas vacation in Aroostic County, Maine. . . . Alice Ellsey recuperating from an operation dropped in for a visit and expects to be back at work shortly.

William Chausse, Linwood Mill, enlisted in the U. S. Navy in October. His many friends wish him the best of luck

## LINWOOD MILL

*by Louise Sohigian*

If your television set is in need of repair, Dick Bosma has had plenty of experience with them. . . . Celebrating birthdays this month are Nellie Burroughs, Albert Dix, Mary Minnihan and Louise Mousseau. We wish them many happy returns. . . . The welcome mat is out this month for Josie Sitnik, Joanne Valk and Ann Doyan.

Earl Martinson and Jerry Lauzier were invited out to what they thought was a venison steak dinner but on arrival were served hamburg. What a revolting situation.

Earl Robbins, of the Foundry Carpenter Shop, was a happy man the night of December 6. He won first prize ($100 in groceries) in the WTAG Talent Shop Show singing "Lucky Old Sun." Earl made good use of the groceries, he has eight children in his family

## COMBER JOB

*by Hector Chase*

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Greene spent a week end in Rochester, New York last month, visiting their eldest daughter, Frances Allen, who is in a hospital. . . . The Comber Job Departments 424 and 445 held their Christmas party during the noon hour on December 22. Gifts were exchanged and Henry Graves was the Santa Claus. We missed Herman Zylstra but hope he will soon be back with us.

## FREIGHT HOUSE

*by Harold Libby*

Ernest Payette of the Packing Job was one of the first to bag a deer from these parts, but sad to relate Ernest stabbed himself in the leg while dressing the animal. Hurry back Ernest—we all like deer steak and what steak isn't dear today. . . . Chief Radioman Robert Maloney was a recent visitor to this department. He has returned to his base in Little Creek, Va. . . . Mrs. Virginia Gervis has been knitting small articles noon hours in the office. She surprised us all last week when the articles proved to be socks for her husband who wears them on winter hikes with his scout troop.

**This carrot grown by Russell Parkhurst in his Manchaug garden should establish a record for that area. He also had two other carrots that measured 9 inches in length**

**Bill Van Ness, a packer, received a purse of money from members of the Shipping Department when he left Whitin in December to join the U. S. Navy. First row, from the left: Wilfred Vallee, Mike Masley, Bill Van Ness and Leo Cote. Second row: Joseph Costa, Raymond Kucharski, Louis Choninard, Harold Pierce, Louis LaFerriere, Emile Pouliot, and Henry Vanderbrug**

## BOLSTER JOB

*by Bizar Hagopian*

There's a story going around the Bolster Job about Archie Gigarjian. It seems that he and Albert Houle challenged Harold Flinton and Joe Pouliot to a bowling match. Every time that a date has been set, Archie has backed out with an excuse of some sort. The excuse used most, is the one about being broke all the time. This bowling match is now one year old. Joe Pouliot asked Al Houle to advance Archie the money to bowl. Al claims he's already thought of that, but Archie still refuses. I don't know and I wouldn't say for sure, but I think Archie bit off a little more than he can chew. How about it, Archie? . . . Jimmy Fallon, the loyal supporter of the Holy Cross football team, is also following the fortunes of the basketball team. He traveled all the way to New York to see them play Saint John's of Brooklyn. The Cross lost in a close game but Jimmy liked the game just the same. He also had seen football games the Cross played, even to the extent of a plane ride to Milwaukee to see the Cross play Marquette. Here's hoping Jimmy sees an all-evening football team next year. Such loyal support deserves it. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Visbeck recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. George works on the second shift on the Bolster Job. Our congratulations and best wishes for many more years to come.

## MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

*by Aileen Blakely*

Uncle Sam has again reached out and taken one more of Mr. Walker's office force. This time it was Norman Spratt. He hadn't been with us too long but we hated to see him leave. On the day he left the members of the office presented him with a gift of money. . . . In December the office went to the Abner Wheeler House for a Christmas party. We didn't exchange gifts there but we did have a little office party on Friday, December 22 where everyone exchanged joke presents. . . . The welcome mat is out for Don Bullock who comes to us from Providence. We all hope you enjoy working with us.

**"Draw that shootin' iron pardner!" Harry McQuade of Department 411**

The Whitinsville hospital was kept pretty busy for two weeks. Ernie Boudreau was over for a week with blood poison in his foot and then the following week Bill Scott went for the same thing. Both are back at work now. Glad to see you back. . . . The Fire Department has received a new member in the person of Ernest Boudreau. When the first meeting he was to attend was called Ernie was in the hospital. About a week later the fire alarm blew about 2:00 a.m. and did he show up? He slept right through and didn't hear it. Better luck next time, Ernie. Happy New Year everybody.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

***by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin***

Ticky Romasco seems to be losing his grip with the local Police Department. Ticky, as the story goes, pulled his car into a spot with a "No Parking" sign staring him in the face, during the recent Christmas shopping spell, on busy Church St. He got out of the car and gave a big wave to Chief Cullen who was standing by, watching the maneuvers, but the greeting did not register as the local gendarme gave out with a gesture that could mean nothing but "No Parking." Ticky put up as good an argument as his idol Casey Stengel, pleading that he would be but two minutes, but this was one decision that the Yankee lost.

Louis Chabot, who as a rule is not classified as a hunter, recently came up with one for the books. Louis, on the night of December 20, was driving home from Douglas when he suddenly felt an impact against the front of his car. He stopped and got out and carefully examined the surrounding area in an effort to discover what he had hit. His investigation being unsuccessful, he proceeded to go home. The next morning, to his surprise, he found his victim, a horned owl secured in the bumper bracket of the car. Louis says the bird is a very attractive species, while his friends are trying to induce him to have it mounted.

The Production Department held its annual Christmas party December 21 in the Crystal Room in Milford. A steak and turkey supper was served after which a varied program of entertainment was rendered by Pat McGuire, Dottie Manter, Sid Smith, Hado Kelliher, F. O. Rizer, "Lefty" Kellaher, Bill Lavallee, Don Walker, Harry Mitchell, Gordon Anderson and Bill Walsh. Pat Benjamin and Betty Zacopolous were in charge of arrangements and were given a vote of thanks for a fine job.

Gloria Porter, Pat McGuire, Alice Gadbois and Julie McMullen were interested spectators at the Boston Garden showing of the new Ice Capades.

The Production Department states at this time that we are ready, willing and able to answer the basketball challenge issued by the Winder Job in last month's SPINDLE. We will play any time, any place, for fun, money, or marbles. The next move is up to "Buster" Sharkey. Let's hear from you personally or one of your henchmen.

The Christmas party in the office during the noon hour December 22, was as usual a gala affair. An exchange of gifts was in order after a fine lunch. This was followed by some entertainment by the very talented Benjamin sisters with Vic Romasco as master of ceremonies. Remarks by F. O. Rizer and Lester Dermody rounded out the noon hour which was well planned by Patty Duggan and Gloria O'Neil who headed the committee on arrangements.

I am indebted to Dorsey Devlin twofold this month, first he submitted almost all of this column and secondly, he is news himself. The scene, Braves Field in Boston, the event Holy Cross versus Boston College. In the party attending the game were Dorsey, Bill Kearnan, Johnny Mercak, Ernie Hippert and Norm Jussuame. At the close of the game a mass invasion of the goal posts was started led by—you guessed it—Dorsey. Well Dorsey hung onto the crossbar until it gave away and down he came. Ernie, after retrieving a portion of the goal post, heard Dorsey holler for help so he pulled him out of the crowd and laid him in the straw. Picture this, Ernie Hippert proudly possessing a piece of the post, Dorsey on his back in the straw and Kearnan, Mercak and Jussuame standing over Dorsey singing "Away in a Manger." Result—one broken ankle for Dorsey and we are all happy that it wasn't worse as it might well have been. Because Dorsey is a good sport, he has taken a lot of ribbing and has been officially dubbed "Dead Dog Devlin from Cripple Creek."

Mr. and Mrs. Allen McCrea were guests at a Silver Wedding Anniversary party given in their honor in the American Legion Hall in Upton on October 24. More than 75 friends were present to hear the couple renew their marriage vows in a ceremony performed by the Reverend Paul E. Carson. Harold Johnston, best man, and Mrs. George Hartley, maid of honor, assisted at both ceremonies. After a buffet lunch the honored couple were presented a number of anniversary gifts. The evening's activities were in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Holmes. Top: Mr. and Mrs. Allen McCrea. Bottom: Mrs. Edward Marshall, Robert Holmes, Thomas Stevenson, Mrs. Thomas Stevenson, Edward Marshall, Mrs. James Dundas, James Dundas and Mrs. Robert Holmes.

# MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

**Anne Baker, No. 2 Office, was married to Chester Frieswick, Tool Job, on September 21, at the Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville**

Al Moran, Grinder Job, engaged to Bette O'Brien.

William Maher, Department 411, engaged to Margaret O'Brien.

**Belle Thibeault, Supply Room, was married to William Bradley, Spinning Floor, on September 30 at St. Peter's Church in Rockdale**

James Connors, of the Grinder Job, married to Florence Collins of Franklin, November 25, at Saint Mary's Church in Franklin.

Nancy Seagrave engaged to William Andrews on September 23.

Harry Moss, Jr., married to Nancy Clough, at her parents' home on Cottage Street, December 19. Rev. James R. Duncan officiated at the ceremony.

Rosette Letourneau, Foundry Office, married to Lucien Cassista, Comber Job planner, November 23, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Linwood.

Audrey Coombs, Department 429, married to Leon Duda, Box Job, on December 2, at St. James Church in Fisherville.

**Ester McKay, Department 433, married to Roy Legg, in the North Uxbridge Baptist Church, Saturday, September 23**

# Births

To Harry Ludvigson, of Department 416, and Mrs. Ludvigson, a son, Denis, born November 21, 1950.

To Paul Mailloux, of Department 416, and Mrs. Mailloux, a daughter, Suzanne Estel, born December 16, 1950.

To Nicholas De Lucia, of Department 416, and Mrs. De Lucia, a daughter, Sandra Lee, born November 30, 1950.

To Pat Dowling, of Stock Crib No. 12, and Mrs. Dowling, a son, Patrick Francis, born November 27, 1950.

To Richard Dunn, Southern Agent in South Carolina, and Mrs. Dunn, a son, Daniel Frederick, born November 11, 1950.

To Albert Ames and Mrs. Ames, a son, born in the Whitinsville Hospital in October.

To Raymond Bishop, of the Ring Job, and Mrs. Bishop, a daughter, Sandra Louise, born December 10, 1950.

To Archie Jacobs, of the Grinder Job, and Mrs. Jacobs, a son, Randolph, born December 8.

To William McGrath, of Wage Standards, and Mrs. McGrath, a daughter, born December 9, 1950.

To Richard Conlee, of Department 411, and Mrs. Conlee, a son, born December 14, 1950.

To Henry Lubas, of the Comber Job, and Mrs. Lubas, a daughter, 7 pounds 6 ounces, born December 14, in the Whitinsville Hospital.

To Robert Giacomelli, of Department 448, and Mrs. Giacomelli, a daughter, Karen Lee, born November 8, in the Milford Hospital.

To Kenneth Macomber, of the Spindle Job, and Mrs. Macomber, a daughter, Paula Louise, born on December 16.

# Obituaries

Ernest Barlow of Main Street, Whitinsville, died suddenly at his home on December 18. He had been an employee of the Whitin Machine Works for the past 25 years. We extend our sympathy to members of his family.

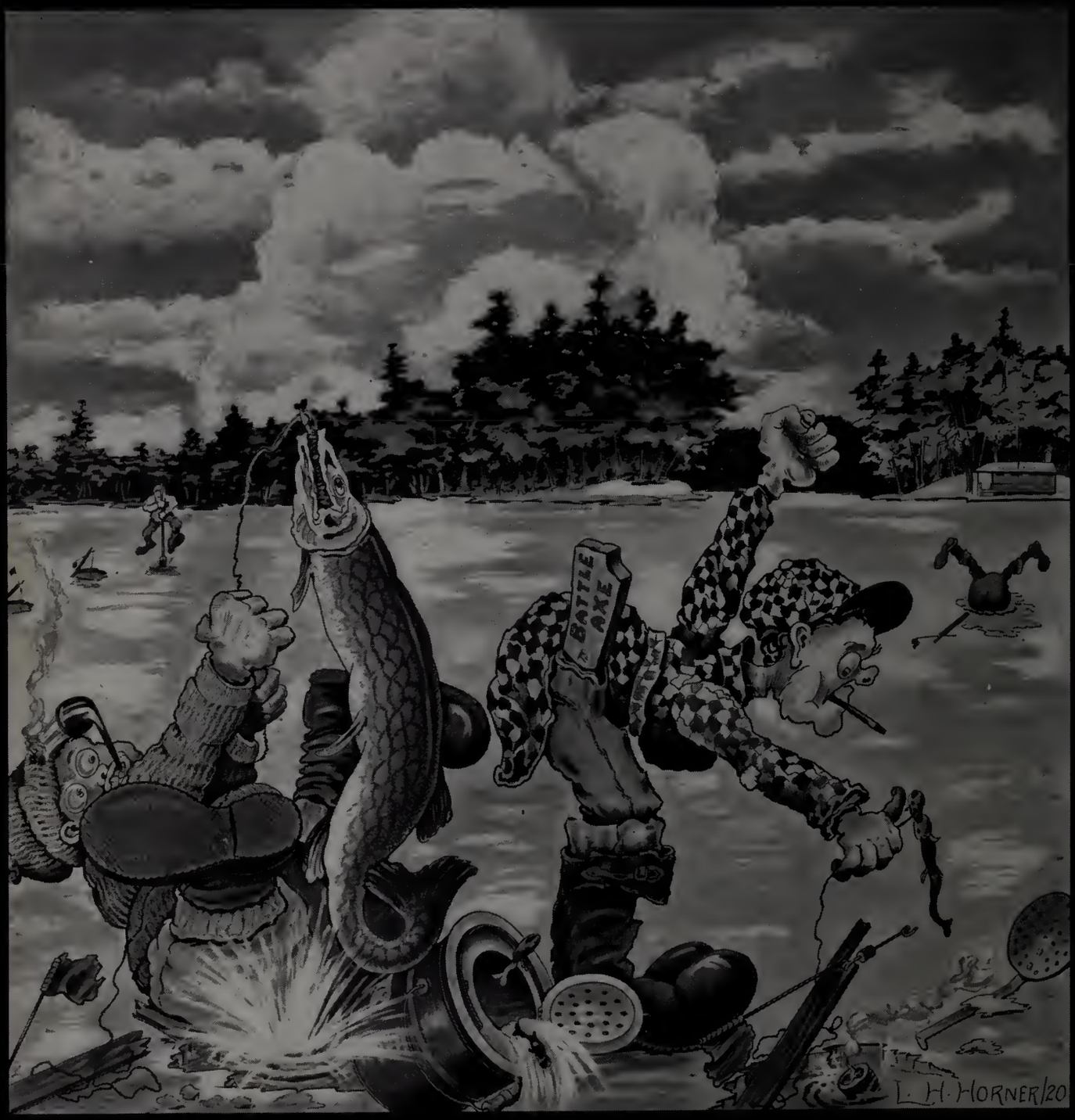
The Roll Job extends its sympathy to Edward Ebbeling and Edward Dawicki on the recent loss of their mothers.

Members of Department 448 extend their sympathy to Stanley Cates on the death of his father in Woonsocket, R. I.

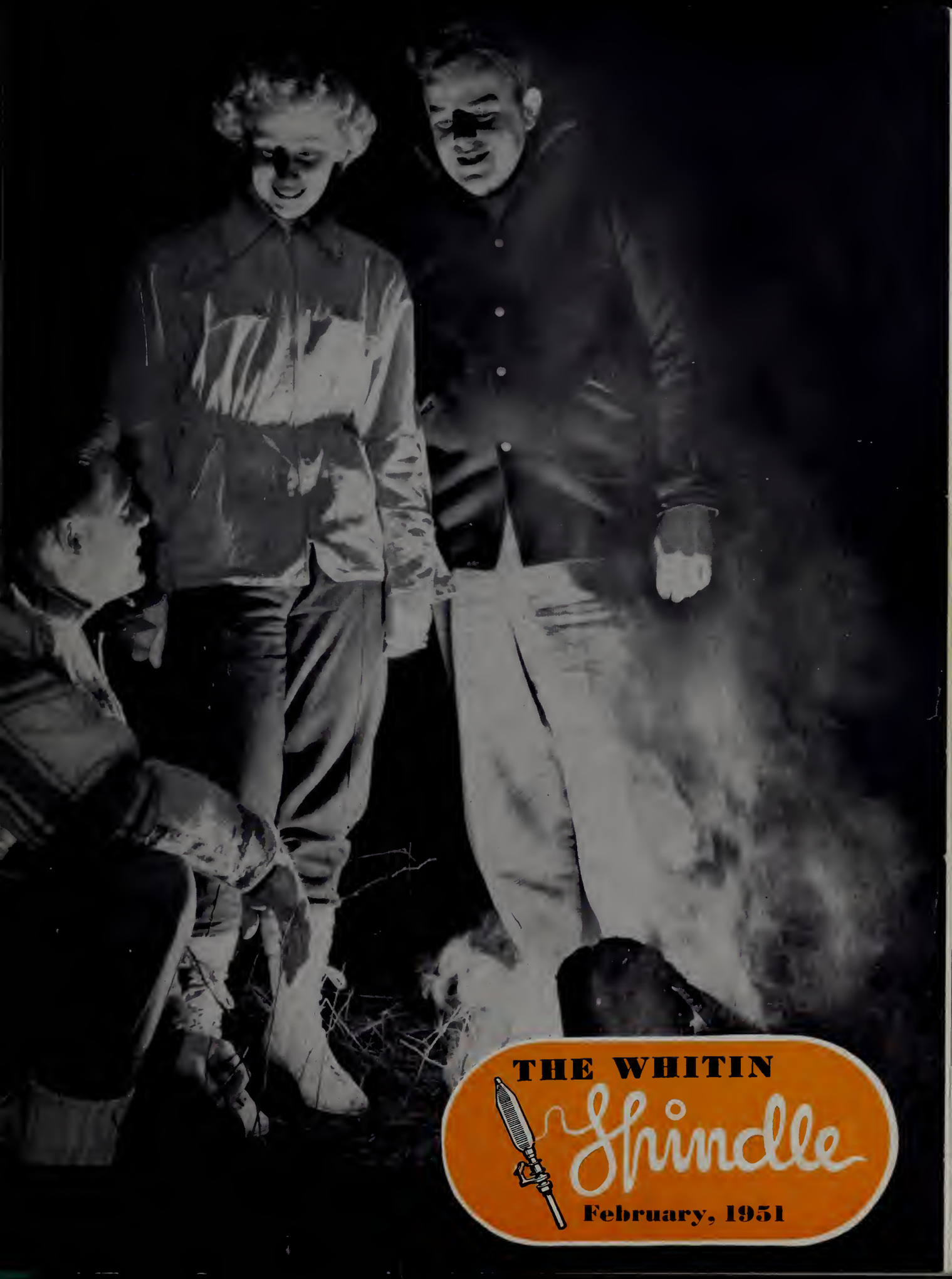
Edward L. Brown, 82, a lifelong resident of Whitinsville, died suddenly on December 21 at his home on Forest Street. He retired from the Whitin Machine Works on October 27 after completing 66 years of consecutive service. He held the second highest seniority record in the Shop. Our condolences are extended to his relatives.

Robert H. Gusney, 76, resident of this community for the past 41 years died December 10 at the home of his son, James Gusney, 115 Rivulet St., North Uxbridge. Mr. Gusney was a native of Newfoundland and served in the Whitin Machine Works for the past 41 years. For reasons of health he had been on a leave of absence from the company since October 10. Our condolences are extended to the members of his family.

Ernest Ballard, formerly of Department 411, died on November 27. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the members of his family.




FISHING THROUGH THE ICE ON MEADOW POND



# THE WHITIN Spindle

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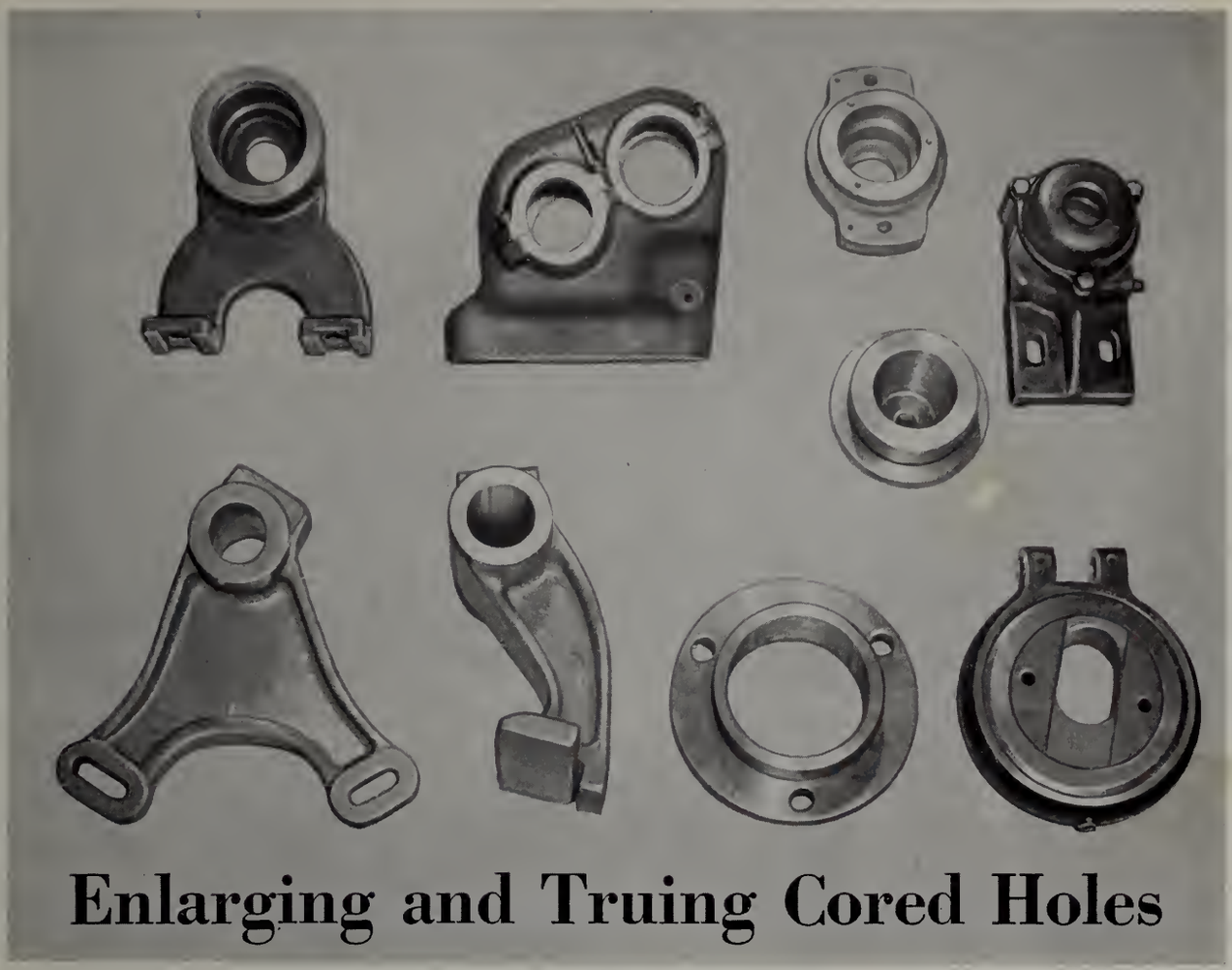
**Ralph Field of the Picker Job is shown with his copy of the "New York Herald" edition dated April 15, 1865, from which the quotation in the following article was taken**

# ECHOES of LINCOLN

When President Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, passed away on April 15, 1865, he left with the people of America many memories of his life as a sympathetic and unselfish man. The people of America loved Lincoln as a friend and statesman. The sentiment expressed in the following excerpt from the *New York Herald's* edition of April 15, 1865, expresses the feelings of the majority of people throughout the country when they heard of Lincoln's assassination. "The entire city tonite presents a scene of wild excitement, accompanied by violent expression of indignation and the profoundest sorrow; many shed tears."

In these critical times it would be wise if we would allow the words which Lincoln used in his Farewell Address at Springfield, Ill., February 11, 1861, to penetrate our hearts and minds in order to increase the faith and strength needed to defend that which is priceless to us all—our American freedom.

*Trusting to Him who can go with me and remains with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well.*



# Enlarging and Truing Cored Holes

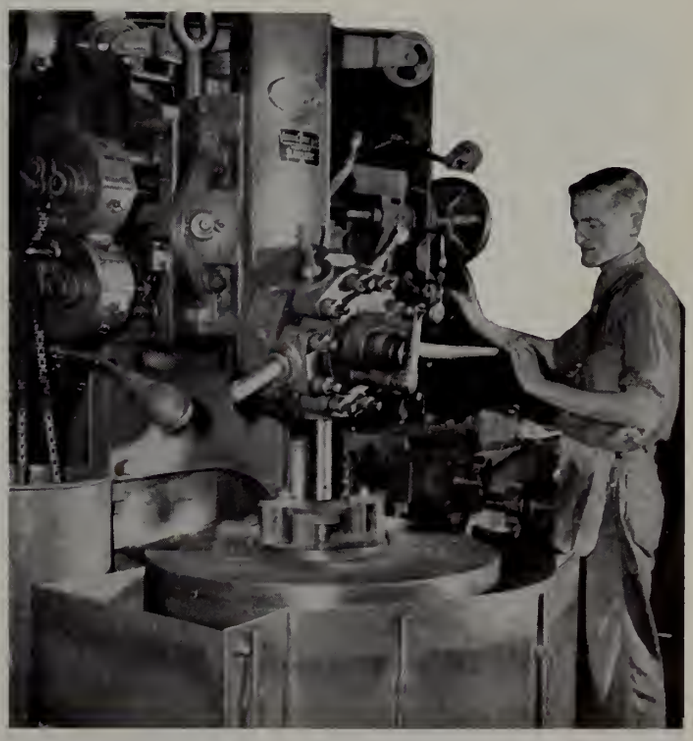
The Chuck Job covers a smaller area than many of our manufacturing departments, but the part it plays in the building of textile machines is as important to the Whitin enterprise as that of its larger companion departments.

The Chuck Job's main function is the boring of castings. This is an operation that consists of enlarging and truing cored holes. Some of the castings bored here are as large as four feet square. Others are so small they require only a ⅜″ bore. Boring is also referred to as chucking. This is where the department gets its name.

The Chuck Job finishes up parts for practically every type of textile machine made at Whitin. A few examples of some of the parts are shown above. Top row, from the left: A ball bearing housing for Spinning, comb box for Cards, ball bearing housing for Twisters, yarn beam drive plug for Knitting, and a ball bearing housing for Knitting. Bottom row: Two cam arms for Knitting, bronze bearing for Combers, and an eccentric bearing for Cards.

For the majority of the boring, vertical turret lathes, horizontal turret lathes, and drill presses are used. For further operations, there is also a small drill section, broaching section, an oil grooving machine and lathes.

Vertical turret lathes and horizontal turret lathes are used to machine fairly large quantities of castings that require four, five and six operations. On these machines usually six tools are mounted on an index head which rotates as the various operations are performed. These turret lathes do the same type of work as a regular lathe



**This Vertical Turret Lathe, operated by Edward Forsythe, of the Chuck Job, is used mainly for boring ball bearing housings. As on all Vertical Turret Lathes, a stationary tool machines the castings as they revolve on a table**

Above left: Babbitt bearings and ball bearing housings are milled by Edmund Houle. Charlie Malkasian, group leader, is shown checking the bearing dimensions after milling

At right: Mike Germagian is operating a broaching machine while Foreman Leon Barnes looks on

Below: The Turret Lathes, equipped with air chucks, are used to bore, drill, and ream a large variety of castings. Above, from front to rear, are operators Walter Bigos, Walter Krupski, Bernard Cournoyer, and Rose Onanian. Willis Buchmann, standing at the left, is the group leader in the section

but do not require any changing of tools after the machine is once set up to operate.

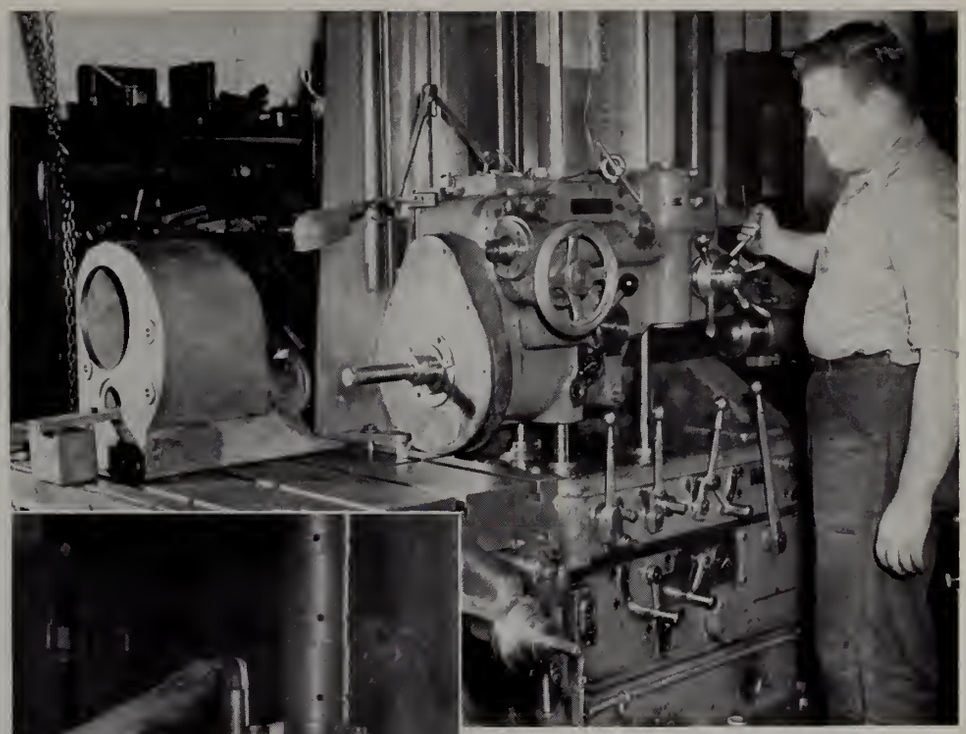
The drill presses are used to machine flat castings. A fixture is generally used to hold this type of work in the presses. The drilling machines sink circular holes in castings. Usually these are oil holes, cap screw holes, and dowel holes. A broaching machine splines the keyways and also broaches hex and square holes. There is an oil grooving machine which makes spiral, circular, straight or multiple oil grooves. The lathes on the Job are used only where one or two operations are necessary or where the quantity of parts required may be only a few in number. The lathe is also used to prepare parts for further machining.

Although this department bores many different types of parts for practically every textile machine that Whitin builds, more than two-thirds of the time is used machining ball bearing housings and babbitt bearings.

This is exacting work and usually the housings must be held to a close tolerance of .0003″. On many of the housings, 12 operations are performed. The first operation on a Spinning ball bearing housing is the milling of the feet. It is then forwarded to the vertical turret lathe section where seven boring and grooving operations take place. After the part leaves the vertical turret lathe it is sent to the small drills for oil holes. Next the housing is inspected for bore sizes, height, depth of fell groove and wire groove. After broaching two reliefs for ball bearings, the housing is assembled and wrapped in wax paper for shipping.

We salute the 40 men of this department who are daily contributing to the growth and progress of our Company. We extend congratulations particularly to the Chuck Job's senior employees: Gerrit DeBoer, 45 years; Peter Ledoux, 45 years; Hagop Hoogoian, 45 years; Willis Winchenback, 43 years; Arthur Gamelin, 42 years; Leroy Clark, 41 years; Hoogos Hoogoian, 36 years; Leon Barnes, 32 years; George Berghuis, 31 years; Norman Spratt, 28 years; Amede Talbot, 26 years.

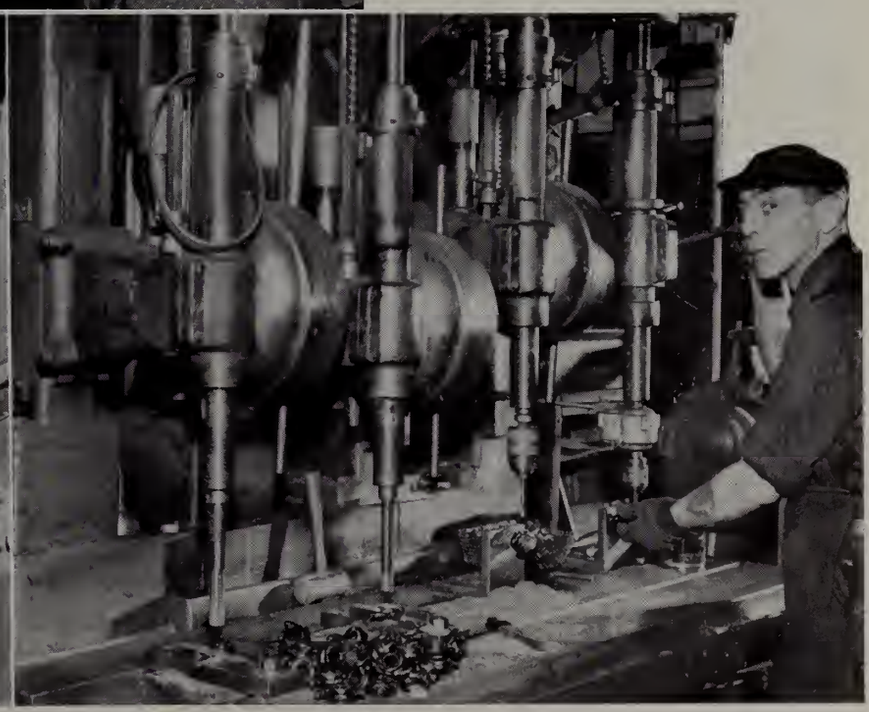
Right: Morris Valois, a U. S. Air Corps pilot in the Pacific Theater during World War II, operates a Horizontal Boring Mill. On this machine Morris bores gear centers and does a great deal of location work



Center: Sam St. Andre is cutting a spiral oil groove in a sleeve. This machine cuts spiral, circular, straight or multiple oil grooves

Below left: Many castings require a certain amount of lathe work before further machining. Ted Cormier, lathe operator, and Assistant Foreman Norman Spratt check the dimensions of a yoke box on a blueprint before starting the machine

Below right: George Berghuis drills, reams, tap drills and taps castings on this four-spindle drill



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## TEN "CANNOTS"

### by Abraham Lincoln

"You cannot help small men by tearing down big men."

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift."

"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong."

"You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer."

"You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich."

"You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income."

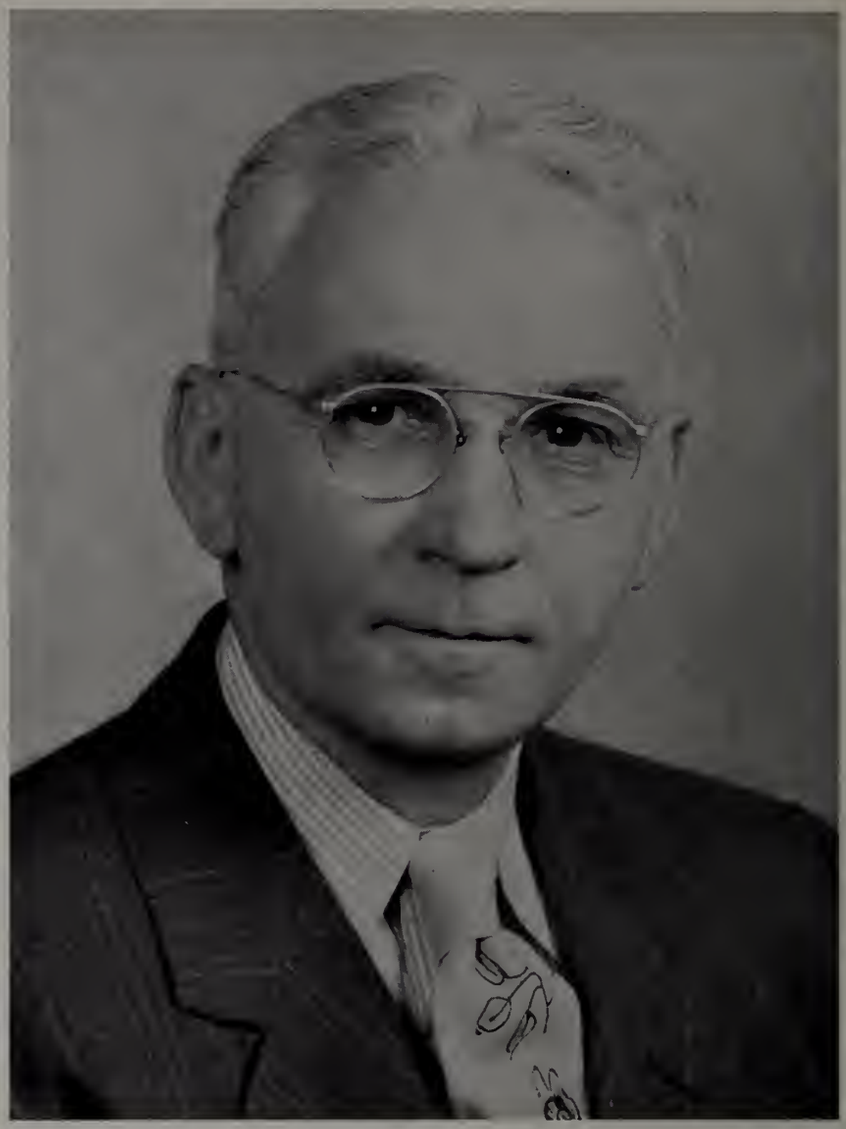
"You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred."

"You cannot establish security on borrowed money."

"You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence."

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

FRONT COVER: Ice Skating, on the Arcade Pond in Whitinsville, is a popular winter sport with many of our young adults. Irving Lightbown, Eileen Andrews, and Philip Brown pose in front of their outdoor fire on the island.



# *Whitin Personality*

Robert K. Brown is our chief specification analyst and is associated with the Masterlist Department. He has been with this department since 1926.

He is a native of Whitinsville and has lived here all of his life. Bob graduated from Northbridge High School in 1911 and started work with the Whitin Machine Works in July, 1912. His first job was in the Engineering Department, where he made foundry drawings under the supervision of the late Henry Owen. His duties consisted mainly of preparing house plans for the houses on Lake and East Streets. In his spare time, Bob attended the Franklin Union Institute in Boston, where he specialized in mechanics. During World War I, he was stationed in Washington, D.C., where he was a gauge designer in the Ordnance Department. When the war ended, he was in the Officers' Training School and was recommended for a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Bob is married and has a son who is a graduate of Brown University and a daughter who is a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. They are both married.

Bob, who enjoys carpentry, has made two boats; one is a 10-foot rowboat and the other is a 12-foot outboard motorboat. Besides this hobby he enjoys collecting antiques and attending country auctions. He has been a deacon at the Village Congregational Church for nine years. In the summer and fall, Bob spends as many week ends as possible at his lakeside camp in Amherst, N. H.

These four Winter Carnival guests are (left to right): Phyllis McQuilkin, Dick Cassidy, Ann Fortier and Paul Drolet

# Snow Fun —

THE second Whitin Winter Carnival got under way when two busloads of people left Whitinsville at 6:10 on Friday night, January 19, to find

Whitin skiers waiting patiently in line for a place at the tow

**While gazing into the wishing well, these girls met with an unexpected fate**

their way to Intervale, N. H. The road conditions were good but at times the busses had to travel quite slowly on account of icy spots in the roads; the party arrived at the Hotel Region at 12:45 a.m. The guests were quite anxious to register and when this had been completed many participated in a song-fest which lasted for about an hour. Finally, everyone scampered off to get rested for the big day ahead.

At 7:30, Saturday morning, breakfast was held in the hotel dining room. For a while, the occupants of the men's dorm were worrying for fear that they wouldn't be getting any breakfast due to the fact that the last member in the dorm on Friday night slammed the front door a bit too hard; consequently, it wouldn't budge on Saturday morning. What happened? It's hard to believe or to even imagine but 22 men had to crawl over two other members' beds in order to get out of the window! They all arrived safe and hungry.

Everyone anxiously inquired about the weather and every person there hoped that the day would be pleasant for skiing at the slopes. On the most part, the skies were overcast. However, the busses left for the Skimobile at Cranmore Mountain a short while after breakfast and the rest of the day was spent out-of-doors. A few of our skiers rode the Skimobile to the top to ski back down, while others stayed on the lower slopes and used the ski tows that were in operation. The slopes were not in the best of condition but everyone made the most of the situation. Others who were in the party went into North Conway to ice-skate while still others went to the tobogganing region.

Towards early evening the busses and private cars returned to the hotel and everyone anxiously awaited dinner. In the meantime, card games were held and others joined in the singing. The sleigh-ride, night skiing and square dance party were cancelled because of poor weather conditions Saturday night. Nevertheless, many rode over to the old-fashioned square dance at Jackson. The atmosphere was that of an old-fashioned dance party; the caller was excellent and he (as saxaphonist), the pianist and drummer were the entire orchestra. Back at the hotel an improvised orchestra of our own was providing

**Enjoying the Saturday evening dinner are (clockwise, left to right): Miss Mulane, Peggy Horan, Miss Link, Leonard Brock, Paul Drolet, Dick Cassidy, Dick Rawlinson, Thelma Vandersea, Frances Foley and Madeline Belval**

excellent entertainment for those who remained at the hotel.

On Sunday morning, many started for home after attending church. The skies were dark and it was raining. However, those who did remain spent a while at the slopes and towards noon the sun broke through. Surprisingly enough, a ski train arrived from Boston at noon and when a few of our able skiers drove over to the Skimobile they found that there were more people skiing then than on Saturday. A turkey dinner was held at 3 p.m. at the hotel. When the Whitin people boarded the busses at 4 p.m. they found that the mercury had dropped from the mid-fifties to the twenties in a matter of minutes. When they left North Conway the air was cold and crackling and the sky was an icy blue. The sunset over the mountains provided a most awe-inspiring sight, thus bringing to a close the second Whitin Winter Carnival.

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**Above: Singing old-fashioned songs at the hotel are (left to right, front row): Eleanor Rainey, Eleanor Dorsey, Mary Gibbons, Catherine Hessions and Frances von Flaten. Back row, left to right: Mary MacDonald, Paul Drolet, James Hudner, Courtney Whitin, E. Kent Swift, Jr., Freelon Morris**

**At right: Lined up for Sunday dinner are (left to right): Beatrice Laban, Ruth Butterfield, Vera Rose, Elizabeth Pennington, Marilyn Dexter, Ginny Lynch and Mona Kelliher**

**A morning at the Skimobile. The Whitin party spent most of Saturday here enjoying the skiing**

# *Hobby—*

# Photographing Old New England Churches

Herman Brewster's formula for getting good photographic results rests mainly in using a 4 x 5 Corona view-camera, a tripod and having an ideal subject, preferably an old New England church such as the ones shown above. When asked how he became interested in photographing old New England churches, Herman replied that he has always admired the great beauty of a church spire primarily because no two spires are alike. One of his favorite subjects is the First Parish Unitarian Church in Lancaster, above center. This spire was designed in 1816 by Charles Bullfinch, a great American architect; it is one of the prized three which exist in the country today. To date, Herman has nearly thirty pictures in his church picture collection. He concentrates mostly on the churches in Central Massachusetts for subject material. Herman has carefully studied the architecture of these lovely old churches. When the churches were built, it was the custom to construct the church and spire frameworks on the ground and then to raise them during an all-day celebration and picnic to which all the community came.

Herman Brewster is certainly proving that photography can be fun—a hobby which anyone can enjoy. Success as an amateur photographer depends mostly on this simple combination—a little practice and a little patience.

All of Herman's photographic work is done in his home on Border Street. He has a well-equipped darkroom in his cellar where he develops his own negatives and prints his own pictures. He has a large and varied supply of developing and printing solutions. Herman applies some of his own methods for printing his photographs. His film developers are self-mixed, his paper developers are ready-prepared.

Like most good photographers, Herman doesn't depend on having a steady hand for holding the camera—he always uses a tripod. He has one other camera which he uses occasionally for general work and that one is an Ihagee hand camera with a Zeiss f 3.5 lens.

Many of you had the opportunity to see Herman's picture display on exhibition at the recent Hobby Show. His picture of Whitinsville's Free Public Library has been on display in the library for several months.

**Herman Brewster is shown in the process of enlarging a picture with his photo enlarger. Herman's darkroom is in the cellar of his home on Border Street, Whitinsville**

By Millie Turgeon

Something new has been added. For years we have had all kinds of men's bowling leagues but as far back as most of us can remember there never has been an all-women's bowling league. Knowing that we had some very good women bowlers in Whitinsville, I decided to approach them to see if they would be interested in forming a league of their own. A notice was put in *The Evening Gazette* to the effect that there would be a meeting September 7, 1950 for all bowlers interested in forming a league. I had hoped enough would be interested to at least start with four teams. The response was terrific! It was a pleasant surprise and most encouraging to find 38 persons either attended the meeting or sent in their names. Not one had to be coaxed. This first year, getting organized and adjusted, is the hardest, but with a little more than half the season gone, everything is running smoothly. I honestly believe we can develop one of the best women's leagues in the county.

We haven't all the best bowlers in town in our league, due mainly to the fact that our Tuesday night bowling conflicts with other social events being held at that time. Two excellent bowlers I am thinking about are Inez Thomas and Cora Barsamian, who at present hold the State women's doubles championship. They are two of the few in this town who dared to try outside competition. This is just a sample of what skill and confidence can do. I hope to see someone from "Whitin's" bring home the WTAG Tournament Trophy in the near future, too.

Mr. Oscar Silverman, who is associated with *The Evening Gazette*, was instrumental in starting the popular WTAG Tournament. In talking with him at a recent banquet, he told me he was planning to organize a Women's Central Massachusetts League, and asked if I could get a team from Whitinsville to enter. I told him at that time that I thought we could. Mr. Silverman, who is also field secretary of the Massachusetts Bowling Association, explained how they were trying to put into use the five-point system in scoring matches, which our league adopted this first year. This means one point for each string and two points for the total. This eliminates tied matches, and should work particularly well for leagues with split seasons, when the winners of the first half roll off with the winners of the second half for the league championship. This guarantees no more than one roll-off, and definitely gives the team with the greatest pinfall in the match the majority of points, which is as it should be. The four-point system may necessitate several roll-offs and yet the team gaining the greatest pinfall in all the roll-offs combined, could lose the championship in the long run.

The new women's bowling league consists of six teams: Army, Marines, Navy, Sea Bees, Spars, and Wacs. At the September meeting they elected the following officers: Millie Turgeon, president; Anne Mantell, vice-president; Evelyn Johnson, secretary; and Florence Higgins, treasurer.

**Congratulations to the Spindle Job on winning the first half of Whitin Shop Bowling League. Front row, from the left: Albert Kershaw, Ernest Conrad, and Benjamin Meczynski. Standing: Paul Mathiew, Chester Jones, and Victor Gervais**

# Yuletide Scenes

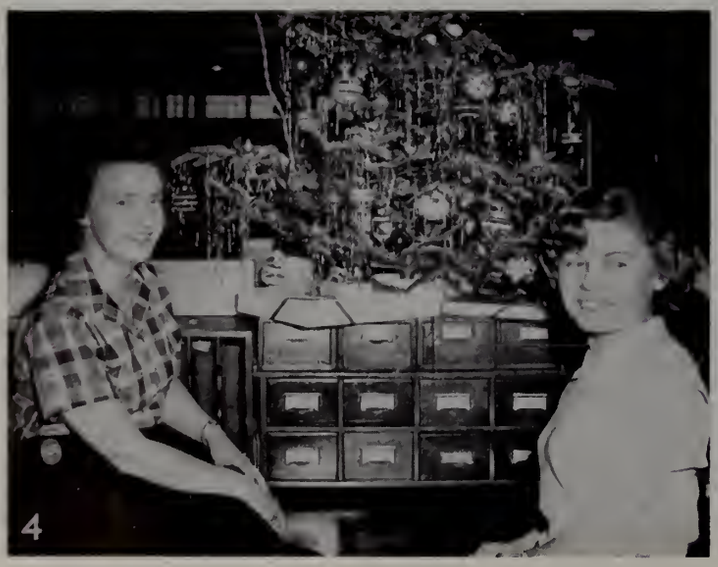
**1.** Germaine Lamoureau, Regina Martin and Margaret Gendron pose for our photographer in front of their Christmas tree in Department 416

**2.** The Methods Department held its Christmas party on December 22. Ethel Cahill was in charge of the entertainment and Paul Wheeler, Jean Cunningham, Helen Altoonian and Rose Fraser assisted

**3.** After lunch these interested people of the Production Department applaud the fine entertainment provided by the "Benjamin Sisters"

**4.** Peggy Rice and Christiane Rajotte admire their tree in the Picker Small Parts Department

**5.** The Repair Department held its office party on December 14. Mame Britton and Helen Valladoa were in charge of refreshments and entertainment. Albin Nelson played the role of Santa Claus and Harry Drinkwater presented "a Christmas reading"



# around the Plant

**6.** Proud of their department's tree are Eva Mongeon, Anor Champany and Alice Bellione of Number 5 Crib

**7.** The Production Department's "first call" for "chow"—in fact, the way these people hit the chow line, a second call was not needed. Adam Davidson and Charlie Wood are assisting at the coffee urns

**8.** The Foundry Production Office tree was decorated by Rosette Cassista, George Vincent and Mary Pechulis

**9.** The tree pictured below was expertly decorated by members of the Winder Job. Emma Philbrook and Celia Baker are shown admiring the work

**10.** These members of the Repair Department are enjoying their Christmas party refreshments. The beautifully decorated department tree in the background added a festive touch to the occasion

*Then there's the story of the young machinist who went to the hospital to see his newborn son. Looking through the glass front of the nursery, he asked the nurse in charge why his son—as well as all the rest of the newly arrived citizens—were bawling so.*

*"Well," replied the nurse, "if you were only a few hours old, had no clothes and no money, were out of a job and owed $1,700 as your part of the Federal debt—wouldn't you put up a howl, too?"*

*Bride:* The two best things I cook are meat loaf and apple dumplings.

*Groom:* Well, which is this?

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"Hell, yes," said the Devil as he answered the phone.

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"What brought me here?" asked the little rosebud.

"The stalk," answered the rose.

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*Driver of overturned taxi (to Scottish passenger)*—Are you hurt, sir?

*Scot*—Don't be bothering about my being hurt, mon. Stop that wee clock of yours.

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*Bachelor Uncle:* Baby six weeks old you say? Talk yet?

*Proud Father:* Oh, no. Not yet.

*Bachelor Uncle:* Boy, eh?

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The old lady called on a dog fancier with the purpose of purchasing a dog for herself. She didn't know what breed of canine she wanted but described her preference as one with a head like that of a Scotch terrier and a tail like that of a collie. "Do you keep dogs like that?" the old lady asked. "No," replied the dog fancier in a mournful tone of voice, "we drowns 'em."

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Suspenders are just about the oldest form of social security.

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SCREENING A JURY

"You are a property holder, I presume?"

"Yes, your Honor."

"Married or single?"

"I have been married for five years, your Honor."

"Have you formed or expressed an opinion?"

"Not for five years, your Honor."

*Motorist:* What will it cost to have my car fixed?

*Mechanic:* What's the matter with it?

*Motorist:* I don't know.

*Mechanic:* Seventy-two dollars and 50 cents.

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A despondent rooster leaned his head against the barn door and clucked to himself:

"What's the use of it all? Eggs yesterday, chickens today, feather dusters tomorrow."

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*Junior:* Daddy, I saw mother kiss the milkman this morning.

*Daddy:* Ye gods! She wastes her time on *him* when we owe the grocer $50!

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A Northerner seeking an ideal Southern town stopped at a small hamlet and asked an old mountaineer if the place was healthy. "Healthy?" the man roared. "Why, this is the gol'darned healthiest place you ever did see. Shucks, nobody ever dies in these parts."

"That's strange," the Northerner remarked. "On my way into town I passed a funeral procession."

"Oh, that," the mountaineer grunted. "That was only the local undertaker. The poor fool starved to death."

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When a wife explores her husband's pockets, she usually gets what the average explorer does—enough material for a lecture.

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A man in Chicago was grumbling about the heat. Said another, who had just returned from a trip through the South:

"Hot! Boy, you don't know what hot is. One day this week in Mississippi I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walking."

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## GEAR JOB

*by Doris Audet*

"Be it resolved, that we on the Gear Job, will, in our small way, do our utmost to make this year of 1951 a peaceful one." That is our New Year Resolution, so with this thought in mind, although a little belated, we extend to everyone a healthy, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Jennie Godzik, one of our gear cutter helpers, has left the Department to devote all of her time to her domestic duties. We all wish you a lot of luck, Jennie.

The Gear Job office doesn't seem the same any more since our planner, Ferman Hodges, left the job to take up his new duties with the War Production Board. Ferman's pleasant greetings will be missed by all. Good luck on your new job, Ferman.

Word has been received from Don King, who was the Gear Job's night supervisor until his recall to duty with the Air Force. Don, in a letter to our assistant foreman, George Holt, informs us that he is an instructor at an advance bomber training center. Don would like to hear from some of the old gang, so we are passing along his address to you. It's

T/Sgt. Don A. King
Box 3, 3502nd Tng. Sqdn.
Tyndall Air Force Base
Panama City, Fla.

We welcome to the department Wilfred Sheldon, Emery Wooster, Lawrence Yanski, Bernadette Goyette, and our new planner, Stanton Putnam. We hope you all enjoy your stay with us.

Our first New Year birthday cake has but two candles on it, honoring James Allen and our time clerk, James Casey. To both Jimmies we extend birthday greetings.

We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Perley Chesley, who recently underwent an operation. Take care of yourself, and we are waiting for the day when you will be back with us, Perley.

It's good to see George Hilditch back at his machine after his recent operation. We hope you are feeling in the pink, George, and welcome back.

We on the Gear Job are becoming more and more basketball-minded every day and it's due to the fact that we have some basketball stars, both male and female (bless their hearts), on the job. In the men's division, our expediter, John Mercak, is player-coach of the Douglas A.A., currently campaigning in the Whitin Gym League, and at this writing the Mercak-coached team is in third place and continuing to play better ball with every game. Good luck to you and your Douglas A.A., John. In the ladies' division we boast of two of our young lady production clerks, namely Della Jones and Violet Cichonski, who star with the gold-clad Whitin Gym girls' basketball team. The girls dropped their first game by six points to the Becker girls of Worcester, but try and tell Della and Violet that Whitin didn't play the better game. Good luck to you, girls, and with the team spirit that you have, you are bound to hit a winning streak that will extend throughout the season.

**Ray Dion of Department 449 was photographed at the department's Christmas party which was held at Duncan Inn in Blackstone**

This is the last column your reporter will be writing for the SPINDLE as I will be leaving the job in the near future, to devote all my time to my domestic duties. I would like to take this little space to express my thanks to the SPINDLE for giving me the opportunity to try my hand at writing. I also extend my sincere thanks to all the members of the Gear Job for their help in obtaining the news for me, and especially our time clerk, Jim Casey, for the fine columns he has prepared for me, for without his help we would not have had such a fine column. (Editor): Thanks, Doris, for a job well done.

**Arthur Langelier received a purse of money from his friends in the Shipping Department offices when he left the Shop to join the U. S. Army in January. Arthur is a member of the Infantry. The presentation was made by John Wasuik on the right. In the background, from the left: Katherine Keirnan, Adrienne Landry, Sarah Devlin, Claire DeOrsay, Jeannette Tosches, Joyce Young, Janet Ethier, Helen Conway, Harold Baszner, Del Duhamel, Bill VanNess**

## BOX JOB

*by Bernice Asdikian*

This month we have added some new men to our department: Chet Kosakoski from Webster, Paul Asselin, Woonsocket; Eddie Valk, East Douglas; and Ernest Myers and Roland Brouillard from our own town. We are glad to have you with us and hope you will enjoy your work. Although Ernest Myers is new to our Job, we understand he is a transfer from the Cast Iron Room.

Roland Fontaine is back with us once more. Not so long ago, he tried to start his car after work and said car refused to co-operate. One of his friends offered a push and they started off. Roland was pushed as far as Douglas, when much to his chagrin, he discovered that the car was not in gear. They tell me you can't do it that way, Roland.

We have discovered that one of our new men, Chet Kosakoski, is very talented along musical lines. Chet is a member of a professional group of three called "The Westerners." The group consists of three members: Angie Cepetelli, a girl yodeler, who is 16 years of age; Joseph Petluck of Fabyan, guitarist, and Chet who plays the piano accordion. Recently, they were auditioned at the Schillinger House, which is an institute of music in Boston. They have also been on television, on Channel 11. Best of luck to the three of you, and we hope that you will go far in the entertainment field.

## CARDS AND CARPENTER SHOP

*by Millie Turgeon*

May I begin this column with a correction and an apology to Robert Stewart for misspelling his name in the January issue. . . . With the retirement of "Andy" Baird, Thomas Stevenson is acting as foreman and Henry Beaudoin is acting as assistant foreman.

Dick Sanderson spent New Year's and a few days in the Whitinsville Hospital. We are happy to say he has fully recovered. By the time the nurse finished giving him so many shots of penicillin, Dick felt like a pincushion. . . . We have two birthdays celebrated this month and both fall on the same date, February 17. Many happy returns to John Bogie and Emil Latour.

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

*by Fern M. Coombs*

Henry T. Wood, formerly employed in the Electrical Department, is now serving with the Navy in the Pacific. If any of his friends would like to write to him, his address is:

Henry T. Wood, AEM, 16661416

Navy 3923, Box 17A, e/o F.P.O.

San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, Sr. will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary February 16. Congratulations and best wishes to both of you. . . . You picked up your phone and a masculine voice said, "hello." You hung up, wondered a minute or so, and tried again. This time a masculine voice said, "operator," so you decided to chance it, but you still wondered. The man behind the voice was Johnny Wright. An SOS was sent out by the shop switchboard when two of the regular operators failed to report for work because of illness. Johnny was among those who answered the call, and he certainly rates an "A" for his efforts. But at the end of the week, "Patricia" Wright was very glad to go back to jacking up diesel locomotives. . . . Burton Robie, Jr., left January 20 to study for three months at the Sorbonne University in Paris, France. He sailed from New York on the *Ile de France*.

**Dosilva Beauchamp of the Parkerizing Job was host to his immediate family for Christmas dinner. Shown above is Dosilva (center) and Mrs. Beauchamp with their family**

## RING JOB

*by Everett A. Gaspar*

Adrien Morin is in a quandary about how to get a piano into his house. After a lot of careful planning, even measuring the piano before buying it, and then setting up a lot of helpful planks on which to roll it into his playroom, he re-measured it and found to his dismay that the piano is ½" bigger than the door. At this writing, the piano is still out on his porch waiting for a mastermind to invent a plan for getting it inside.

To Roland Morel: The next time Johnny Hoyle gives your car a tow (as he did one night in late December), do release the emergency brake as it is much easier to tow and besides it doesn't burn out the brake lining!

"Bud" Glode has entered the Army. He goes with the sincere best wishes of the entire department.

## NICKEL-PLATING AND PARKERIZING

*by Rene Ethier*

We of Department 431 express our deepest sympathy to Ernest Lawson upon the death of his brother, William Lawson. William Lawson came to Whitinsville from England in 1907 where he began to work on the Comber floor. He was later with the Nickel-plating Job and in 1936 became foreman of Departments 431, 431A, 480 and 459. Bill will long be remembered by his fellow-workers and friends. . . . Farewell wishes are sent this month to Richard Henry who has been called into the Armed Forces. . . . Adel Marchand is willing to give lessons to anyone who wishes to learn how to paint a cellar. Your reporter was invited over to see Mr. Marchand's cellar. When asked why there were so many different colors, Adel replied, "Oh! I'm just trying to get rid of some of this old paint that is hanging around the house!" . . . Irene Milkman, George McClellan and Annie Bartlette celebrated their birthdays this month. . . . All male drivers are requested to take a detour from now on—Sheila Kempton just recently was granted her driver's license.

## LINWOOD MILL

*by Louise Sohigian*

We understand Henrico Pandolfi got sick of eating pressed-ham sandwiches every morning so decided to trade with Wilbur Baird for an egg salad. He was quite upset after the trade was made because he found out that his wife had given him steak that morning. . . . All the friends at the Mill wish the best of luck to Gerrit Ebbeling who has left Department 450 to go into the Armed Forces. . . . Birthdays celebrated during the month were Evelyn Ashton, Hannah Frieswyk, Myrt Cronin and Varvar Barsamian. . . . We were happy to find out that the loud-speaker system is being installed so that we can hear some music down here. Boy, we sure did miss it! . . . I thought that this would be a good time to let you people know that the Whitinsville Blood Donors' Club is looking for more donors. I'm sure that anyone's help will be greatly appreciated.

## WHITIN MALE GLEE CLUB PLANS FEBRUARY CONCERT

Conductor C. Alexander Peloquin and Manager Frank N. Stone, with the committee's assistance, are preparing a program of sacred music that is intended to excel any previous concert in quality and listening enjoyment. The concert is in keeping with the Lenten Season. The Glee Club shall strive to show the growth of written music from the earliest modes to the present Fred Waring arrangements. In addition to English, parts of this concert will be sung in Latin, Greek and Russian. If all the words were to be transposed into English it would upset the delicate tone quality of the music. Alfred Demers has contributed greatly to the concert by designing and making the stage settings.

The concert will be held Monday, February 19 at 8 p.m. in the Whitin Gymnasium. Tickets can still be obtained from any member of the Male Glee Club.

The proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to the Whitinsville Hospital.

The Whitin Male Glee Club, amidst preparations for their February 19 concert, recently elected officers for the 1951 season. Those who have been elected are: Thomas Wallace, chairman; Newell Wallace, vice-chairman; Bryant Nichols, treasurer; Donald Amiro, secretary; Thomas Hamilton, librarian; Alfred Demers and Patrick McGovern, concert properties' managers.

**At a monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Whitin Machine Works' Credit Union December 20, officers were elected for the year 1951. Seated, from the left: Thomas Marshall, president, and Ernest Hartshorn, assistant treasurer and clerk. Standing: Henry Crawford, treasurer, and Eino Johnson, vice-president. On the Credit Committee for the new year are Thomas G. Hamilton, Andrew Baird, and H. Irving Dalton. David Longmuir, Norman Wright, and Richard Davidson comprise the Auditing Committee**

## MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

*by Aileen Blakely*

We congratulate the following persons who received their service pins from Messrs. Bolton, Pierson, and Cunningham: 30-year pins—Archie Bolivar of the Garage, and George DeBoer who works here at the Office; 25-year pin—Gerben Folkerts, foreman of the outside Paint Shop; 15-year pin—William Cooney, who works for Clifford Kelley in the Lower Yarn; 5-year pin—Leo J. Rypyiss, who works for John Shaw as a carpenter in the shop.

As we told you last month, Norman Spratt is in the Army and anyone who has been in the service or just away from home for a long period of time can tell you that mail is one thing you can't get enough of, so here is his address:

Rct. Norman N. Spratt, 51013199
Co. T & T 322nd Signal Bn. Corps
Fort Bragg, N. C.

Bill DiCillo would also like to hear from many of you:

Pvt. Salvatore W. DiCillo, AF 21277986
3451 Student Training Sqd.
Francis E. Warren A.F.B.
Cheyenne, Wyo.

We welcome Milton Crossland to our office. He is taking the place of Roland Graves who is leaving us to work for Howard Dunford.

## CORE ROOM

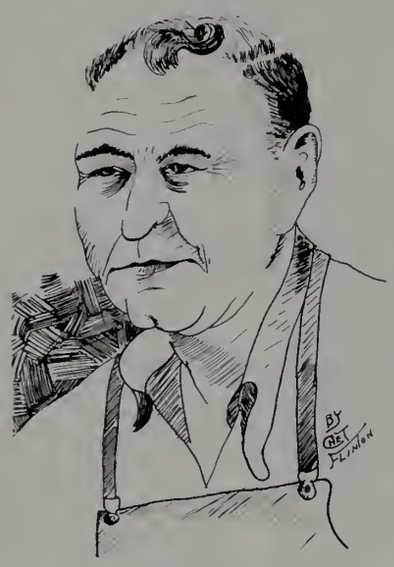
*by Francis Shugrue*

The sick leave list is quite long this month. Arthur Arpin is under observation at Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Martin O'Day has been out sick now for several weeks, Sonny O'Donnell is a patient at Cushing Veterans Hospital in Framingham, Bryon Mammouth is also confined to his home. We all wish these men a speedy recovery. . . . During a recent snowfall, John Kinowski stopped Roger Scott on his way out of the Shop and asked him if he was planning to plow his way home. Roger had his rubbers on the wrong feet. . . . We were glad to hear Norman Gendron wasn't injured last month when his car ran into a large trailer-truck. . . . Last summer Bill Ridley bought a goat with the idea of using him to keep the grass down in his large yard. When the fall of the year rolled around, Bill's goat had become such a pet that he has earned himself a place to sleep and eat in Bill's barn.

## ROLL JOB

*by Cesag Onanian*

The personality of the month is Joseph Courteau who was born in Uxbridge in 1889. He lived in Canada when he was a young boy but later he and his family moved to Whitinsville where they remained for 11 years. Later, they again returned to Uxbridge. His first job was at the age of 13 and he drove a team of horses for a Mr. Brasso who ran a sawmill in Uxbridge. In the spring of 1905 he worked as a carpenter's helper when they were building the houses in the New Village. Joseph started on the Roll Job in the fall of 1905 and has been on the job ever since. He has worked under five foremen during his 46 years on the job. His first job was filing flutes. He then was doing general shop work and filled in here and there whenever someone was out. During the last 20 years he's been a general handyman, doing repair work, fixing belts and other general things.



**Joseph Courteau**

Joseph was married in Uxbridge in 1910 and has two sons and two daughters. He was quite a bike rider in his day and won some races. He likes to garden and the fellows manage to get some good samples from his garden during the summer months. Joseph has done some barbering in his spare time, too. He is well known for his cheery hello to everyone whom he meets.

Bruce Sohigian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sohigian, won the first prize for boys in a sales contest recently conducted by Rexall drugstores. . . . The shop bowling league held its first-half banquet at the Colonial Club in Webster recently.

William Fairbanks was taking the rubbish to the dump in his trailer one day. When he arrived at the dump, he asked his son to get out to watch him drive in straight. His son came running back and said, "There isn't any trailer." It seems that the trailer unlocked and was about a half mile down the road in the woods. . . . Emil Deschamps went on the Winter Carnival trip and had a very enjoyable time. Emil is one of the Job's better skiers.

We're glad to see Forrest Peck back on the job after being out sick. John Rutana and Frances Haringa are still out and we wish them a speedy recovery. . . . Birthday greetings go out to William Fairbanks, Arthur Baillargeon, Robert Mandeville, Cecil Baker, John Baker, George Baker, Titus Cooper, James Deveney, Frank Nester and Edward Trasavage.

Mr. John Carroll, retired foreman of the Roll Job, celebrated his 82nd birthday on January 23. We trust that Mr. Carroll's years ahead will be very happy ones.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Jean Cunningham*

This seems to be a popular month for birthdays in this department—congratulations are extended to James Shaw, George Bickford, Archie Bolivar, Crocky Garabedian, Joe Scholenski and Ethel Stienstra. . . . All was serene in the Magill household the day before Christmas. At least that is what David thought. He wouldn't even believe the paper boy who tried to warn him of the impending danger. A neighbor, looking out of his window, saw smoke and followed the trend of it to Dave's house. The Magill house was called but there was no answer; the neighbor then called the fire department. When three firemen were questioned by Dave, "What's the matter, fellows?" they proceeded to explain that there was a fire in his chimney. The firemen attended to this little matter but not without wondering whether or not Dave was cleaning the chimney for Santa's arrival.

A group from Methods went to Pawtuxet for a Christmas party during the holidays. . . . On the noon of the 22nd, Santa (Jim Shaw) Claus paid us a visit at the party we held in the department. Pictures were taken, there were joke gifts and Christmas music. Everyone enjoyed the solo by Ethel Cahill who sang "Silent Night." . . . Shirley Noble had a very busy Christmas week, indeed. She moved to her new home in Whitinsville.

## ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

*by Barbara Allen*

Our congratulations are extended to Assistant Foreman Newell Wallace and Benjamin Troyanowski who received their 25-year service pins. . . . We recently had a visit from Corporal Normand St. Pierre who is now with the paratroopers at Fort Bragg, N. C. . . . Our night supervisor, Bert Kroll, returned to us recently. He had been in the hospital.

**Santa Claus (Mary Valis) and Jennie Chosta at the Department 439 Christmas party**

**This photograph, taken by Edward Kmiotek, shows one of the groups from the Roll Job enjoying their Christmas party at the Colonial Club**

**This building is not familiar to many of us, but the older folks will recognize it as the Quaker Meeting House built in Plummers in 1804. The house stood where the Quaker Cemetery is today. It was torn down in 1906**

*Save One of These Dates:*

**APRIL 16, 17, 18, 1951**

**The Whitin Machine Works**

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# RESEARCH DIVISION

***at that time***

*See your department bulletin boards for further information.*

## ROVING SMALL PARTS, FLYER JOB AND ERECTING

*by Marcel Lustenberger*

George Armston decided to surprise his wife the other night by painting a room while she was out. George climbed the ladder with a can of paint and started to work. Suddenly he lost his balance. The paint splashed all over the room and George landed on the floor. In grabbing for support as he fell, he pulled the chain out of the light socket. We were glad to hear he was not seriously injured. . . . During a recent storm, Al Belanger went out early in the morning, and instead of opening the big garage door as is his custom, he went in the side door, got into his car and started backing it out. A crash and a ruined garage door was a reminder to Al that he had forgotten to open the doors.

Bill Lyman is never stuck for a solution to his problems. While in Newport over the holidays, Bill realized he would be coming home New Year's night on his old plates. Using a piece of cardboard and some paint, Bill turned out a professional job. . . . New members to Department 427 are John Tumolo of Worcester, Leo Bousquet of Sharham, N. H., and Peter Osuf of Woonsocket. . . . We are happy to welcome Mary Burns back to the Job. . . . Ten-year pins were recently presented to Arthur Belseth, Fred Chilles and George Durant. . . . Celebrating birthdays recently were William LaPlante, Rose Shenian, Earl Dandridge, Bernie Shaw, Al Belanger, Clarence Prouty, Joe Hunt, Lester Munay, Al Gaulet, Rene White, Rosario Rivers and Shirley Kennedy.

Our personality for this month is Fabian Corron of Department 435. He has been employed by the Whitin Machine Works since 1906. He was born in Manchaug and spent his early years there before moving to Woonsocket. He married the former Nora Gravel in 1915. They have three children, the youngest, Donald, is an apprentice at Whitin. Fabian has worked on the Roll, Spindle Job, and also for Mr. Burnap on outside maintenance. He has spent 37 of 45 years in the Shop, working on Department 435. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and trapping.

## BOLT AND PLANER JOBS

*by Ray Woodcome*

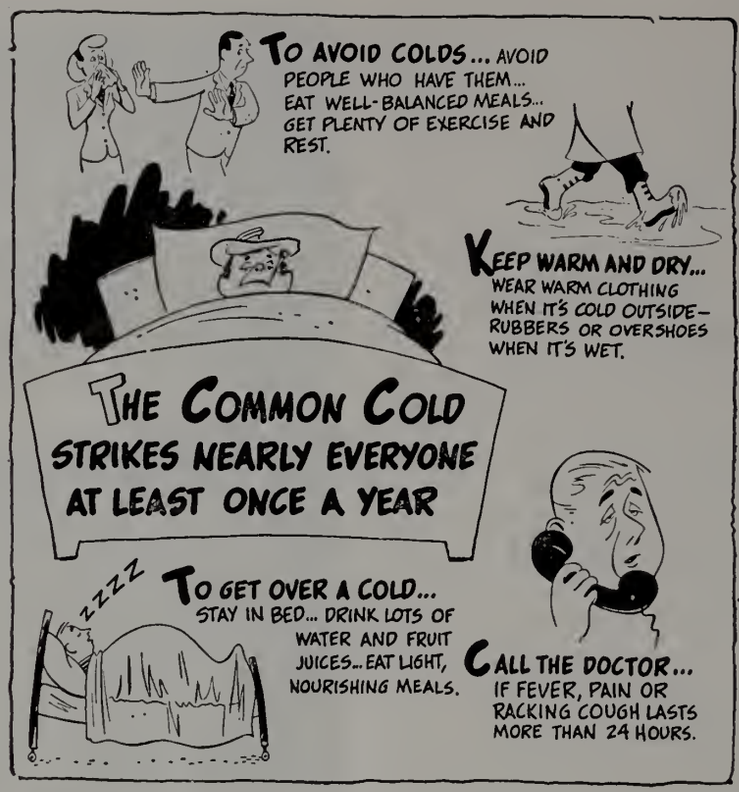
Ernest Buker is back to work again after a ten weeks' absence. He would like to thank the following for their thoughtfulness while he was a patient at Memorial Hospital: Department 414 for the flowers sent, the many who sent get-well cards, the C.I.O. Union for the basket of fruit, the many friends for visiting him, and Sally Jones and his blood donors. Ernest says he will long remember the kindness of his many friends. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Toohey who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary a short time ago. . . . The Planer Job held its Christmas party at the Sutton Town Hall in December. A turkey supper was served by members of the Sutton Grange. The office force supervised the evening's activities. The womenfolk were the invited guests. A wonderful time was had by all.

New faces in Department 414 since the last writing are the Besaw brothers (Robert and Fred), Joe Vincent, Tony Kosciuk, Ray Smith, Vincent Lessard, Eugene Ethier, Conrad Beausoliel, Felix Kempinski, James Lankford, Ray Girard, Al Millet, Wilfred Smith and Jacob Smith. In Department 406A are Paul Frechette, Raymond Renaud, George Racine, Louis Beaucage and R. K. Lamora. In Department 412 are Willard Dalrymple, Willard Feeney, Ray Desautels, Edward Jodoin, A. Tancride, Lacy Saunders and Vic Doyon.

Andre Labbe is receiving congratulations on receiving his 15-year service pin. . . . Paul Hale has been transferred from Department 412 to 414. . . . Apprentices at Department 414 this month are John Baker and Charles Sprague. . . . William Brown has been transferred from Department 412 to 432. . . . Word has been received that Norman Wood, former planner at Department 412, is vacationing at Daytona Beach, Fla.

**The Large Planer Job held its Christmas party in the Sutton Town Hall. Top, from the left: William Baszner, Earl White, John Toohey, Arthur Brooks and Norman Burroughs. Bottom: Henry Lavallee, Mahlon Graves, Albert Buma, Jr., Jerry Brusso, Ray Woodcome and Fred Siepietowski**

**Ernest Buker had the following guests at his home for a New Year's party (left to right): Ed Mageria, Jim Gelately, Lois Gelately, Barbara Haines and Veronica Mahoney**




## MILLING JOB

*by Marie Ebbeling*

We are happy to report that Simone Roy has returned home from the hospital. She was a very popular lady when the mailman came around. Hope you will soon be with us again, Simone. . . . We welcome the following new employees to our department: Joseph Levasseur, Ernest Ethier, Jean Millette, Louis Lavallee, Leo Forcier, John Ricker, Herant Sarkisian, Roland Blondin, Albert Parent, Manuel Burrows, Albert Cournoyer, Henry LeBlanc, George Depointe, James Reynolds, Harold Wooster, Alcide Poirier and Lucien Lavallee.

Congratulations and a happy birthday to Leonard Baldwin, Olivene Valdee, Elwin Smith, Anna Carlson, Kattie Gardner, Gladys DeYoung, John Quigley, William Forsythe, Regina Martin, Donald Lyford, Margaret Maher, Louis Martin, William Proffitt, Henry Sulham, Chester Roaf, Ernest Riedle, Louis Goucher, Lawrence Moreau, Arthur Ballou and Ralph Peckham.

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

Robert Racicot of the Garage Department has been called to duty. He will be located somewhere in California. . . . Jean Ethier, truck driver, has returned to the Planer Job. Jean's hobby is deer hunting. He has never failed yet on his vacation from bringing home a good-sized stag. The boys of the Garage will miss him very much. . . . Freddie Dion, operator of the crane for Earl Simmons, has returned from Memorial Hospital after three weeks. He had a serious operation. . . . Gordon Milkman can be seen and heard week ends at the Hilltop. Gordon is well known as a minstrel man and he also plays a few instruments. He specializes in trombone solos.

**Members of Paint Job held their Christmas party at the Klondike Inn, Farnumsville**

## PAINT, SHEET METAL AND CREEL JOBS

*by Harold Ingham*

The night of December 21 was the Paint Job's Christmas party. Everyone had a wonderful time. The place was the Embassy Inn in Woonsocket, R. I. Masters of ceremonies were "The Champ" and George Dumas. One could have the choice of chicken or steak for dinner. The singing by Albert Heokstra was something worth hearing, but the boss himself, Mr. Edward Nuttall, outdid them all. The tender voices of "The Champ," Joe Garlon, Nick Gigarjian, and Arthur Leferrier blended into one of the best quartets ever heard by many Whitin employees.

By the way, folks, this reporter hopes for some pictures and news from Departments 413 and 442. Let's start '51 off right. We've got a good magazine, so let's keep it that way.

**Ed Nuttall, foreman of the Paint Job, imitating "The Nose" Durante at the Christmas party**

New arrivals to the Paint Job are: Charles Peloquin, Richard LaChapelle, Rosco Lacombe, Horace Walch, Albert Lucien, Norman St. George, Leo Maquis and George Fayard. . . . Good luck to Joe Gereay who enlisted in the Navy. The Job will miss him very much.

We hear that Adolph Michalik of Department 442 stays in nights. He was the lucky winner of a 16" television set.

I would like to stress the fact that the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club's new 1951 badges are available. You can get your tickets at Goselin's J & J Store, Dr. Robert's office, R.A.C. Club and Dave's Lunch, Linwood. Bill Todd, our new president, hopes with the help of the chairmen of the other committees, to go over the top. If you can't get your tickets from any of the above, contact Herbert Henderson of 454, chairman of the Ticket Committee.

"The Whitinsville Fish and Game Club members appreciate the sincere co-operation of Mr. E. Kent Swift and Mr. P. B. Walker for the many hours of fishing enjoyed in the WMW ponds."

WILLIAM TODD, Club President

**TOOL JOB**
*by Russell Bailey*

DID YOU KNOW—

That Jim Vanderzee completed a regular two-year course in floriculture and landscaping at the University of Massachusetts. If you have any questions in mind about anything that grows, speak to Jim.

That Arthur Dewing of the night shift was an almond knocker in California back in the thirties. An almond knocker is a fellow who harvest almonds (nuts to you) by beating the trunk and branches of the trees with a rubber club, thus jarring them to the ground where they are gathered in baskets. The idea of the rubber club, of course, is to prevent damage to the tree. Arthur worked for the Associated Almond Growers who had 24,000 acres of almond trees. He was paid 15 cents a bushel for his services.

That Ray Jorritsma made five raids over Japan as a gunner on a B29 in World War II.

That Joe Bouley was a professional light-heavyweight boxer back in the late twenties. Joe was well known in boxing circles around Worcester, Providence and Boston.

That "We All Make 'Em"—boners.

That Phil Skillen of Fire Company No. 2 was called to extinguish a blaze in Department 439. Phil was up there in nothing flat but they told him at the Parkerizing Department that 439 was the Spindle Job.

That Jim Gelately drove a group of blood donors up to Memorial Hospital and insisted upon taking what he called a short-cut route. As a result, Jim got lost in the city and had to be rescued by his passengers.

That after Fred Rondeau had eaten his lunch the other morning he discovered he had picked up the wrong bag. Too bad. Fred had to surrender a big piece of home-made apple pie to the other fellow.

**Rouville Lalanne, above, on the day shift of the Bolster Job, and Lawrence Duhamel, night shift, pin caps on bolster cases. Where they grip the hardwood handle of the hammer they use in this operation, it has been worn to paper thinness in 11 months**

# WHITIN MEN PROMOTED

Edwin R. Davis is the Shop's newly appointed night superintendent. He joined the Company in 1948 and until recently was in charge of Internal Material Transportation. After Ed graduated from Dartmouth in 1934, he attended the University of Manitoba where he received a certificate in prospecting. He has spent a great deal of time in the gold fields in Canada. The coldest weather that he ever endured was when the mercury dropped to 52 degrees below zero.

Ed has held a variety of jobs, but one of his most interesting assignments was with a government construction division in the Suez Canal area before the outbreak of World War II. Ed was granted a special passport which had been signed by

**Edwin Davis, night superintendent**

Winston S. Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ed wanted very much to keep this passport as a souvenir, but unfortunately, the government requested that it be returned on the completion of his work in the Suez Canal Zone.

Ed is very fond of fishing—especially in Canadian lakes where brook trout often weigh 12 pounds and more. His other favorite sports are shooting and squash. He is married and the father of two children, Linda Susan and Edwin IV. Ed is the nephew of the late Howard Clark Davis, a former financier and sports promoter.

**Gerben Folkerts, foreman**

Gerben Folkerts is the new foreman in charge of Maintenance Painting. He and his 22 painters are responsible for all painting that is done on tenements and Shop buildings, inside and out.

Gerben was born in Friesland, Holland. By serving as an apprentice to one of Holland's artist school graduates, Gerben became thoroughly experienced in maintenance painting. He came to Whitinsville from Holland in 1925 and started his career with the Shop on the Packing Job. After three weeks, he was transferred to the Freight House. Within a month he was assigned to the Paint Job and has since served under three foremen.

In August, Gerben and Mrs. Folkerts purchased a new home on Uxbridge Road, Mendon. Gerben is looking forward to planting his annual vegetable garden on his new property.

Gerben is the father of two daughters who are both married; they live in Milford and Westboro.

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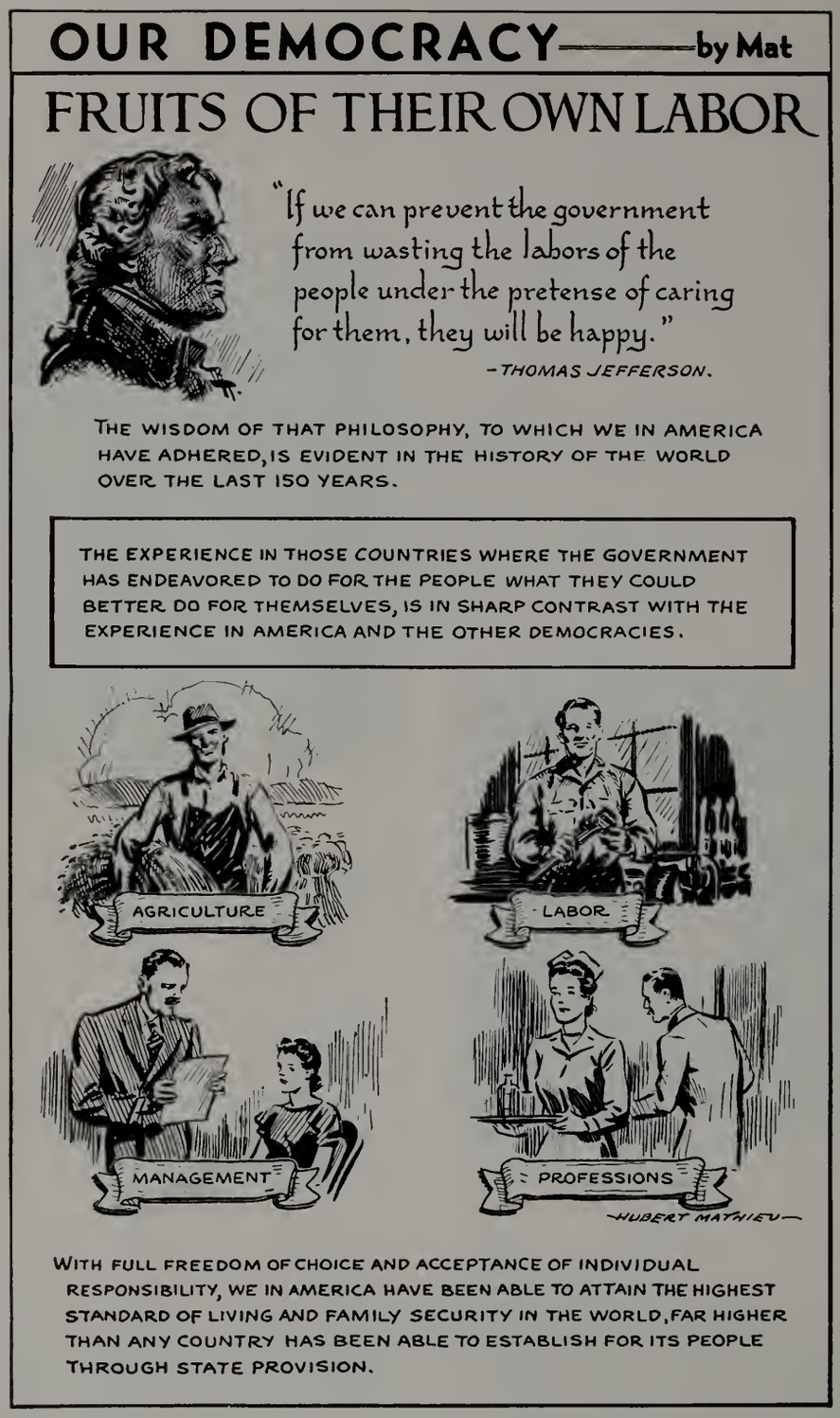
*Because of the tremendous number of things we make in our modern factories, we enjoy half of the world's electric power, half of the radios, more than half of all the telephones, produce more steel, own 60 per cent of the world's insurance policies and 85 per cent of its automobiles.*




## REPAIR DEPARTMENT

*by Mame Britton and Charles Polucha*

We have been trying our darndest to find some hot news this month but this is about all that we've come across: New faces—Betty Wood from Master List, Joyce Young from the Freight Office and Eleanor Cupka are welcome additions to our flock. . . . Christmas vacation visitors included Ollie Walker, formerly of this department, and Alice Bloem who is attending the New England Conservatory of Music. Alice is studying very hard but enjoys her chosen vocation immensely. . . . Ruth Crouthers has a new hairdo which looks very becoming. We asked her where she got it but she declined to say. Her cohort, Joyce Rondeau, has been inquiring about chicken-raising. Our chicken experts, Crawford and Pearson, have been giving Joyce the necessary advice. If anyone is interested in purchasing eggs or broilers, we will quote prices upon request in the near future.

Our English miss, Frances Kelley, is slowly getting used to the odd noises that sometime disturb our peaceful office. Some time ago, someone above dropped a heavy object on the floor, and Frances, thinking someone in the office had passed out, craned her neck around the corner to see "wha' hoppen." Imagine her surprise when she went flying one way and her chair in another direction. We were very much relieved to hear that she didn't get hurt. . . . On January 18 the girls of the office had a party honoring Stella Coombs who is leaving our employ to devote her full time to housekeeping. She received a very appropriate gift from us which we know she will find useful. Entertainment was spontaneous and we understand that Jo Ann Miedema sang a very nice duet with another guest.

## WINDER JOB

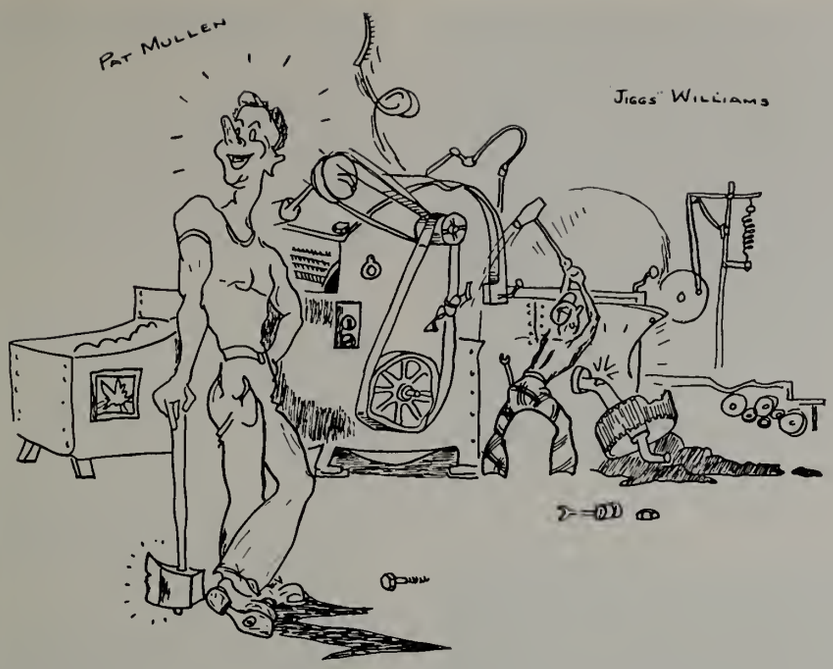
*by Floyd Gudanowski*

Before all those colorful calendars get settled on our walls, I'd like to review some of the outstanding happenings of 1950. First of all, "Ted" Podles and "Sooey" DeGaetano agreed on just one thing—that 1950 was last year. . . . One of our boys picked up two important things—a unique title and a new address. Pvt. Frank Zajonc, Hdqtrs. and Service, 325th Tank Bre. Med., Camp Pickett, Va. . . . Oliver Baker made Leo Ethier the most valuable softball player on the job, by promising "white slips" for any errors in right field. . . . George Cotnoir was the outstanding card player of the year, secondary honors were taken by Joe Maisto. . . . "Pin Ball" Kieronski predicted some unbelievable football scores, including "GEORGIA-TOWNS" (that's the way we want it spelled) upset victory over Holy Cross. . . . Our romance of the year was Maude Roche and Hector St. Jean.

Our most courageous woman on the job was Phyllis Kosciak. She pushed a train back a hundred yards, added "Louie Jr." to the family, and is now back at work better than ever. . . . Ray Carr rented a room at the "Purple Cat Diner" just in case the roads into Chepachet didn't get plowed. . . . Play of the year was turned in by Dorsey Devlin when he scored from second base on routine fly to the outfield. . . . Charley Burke and Sam Luksys rode the "friendship train" for one more year. . . . "The Tennessee Waltz" drew more tears on the job than any other song. . . . James Clark played the hero role in Millville recently when deadly fumes from a refrigerator threatened to cause serious injury to a neighboring family. He donned a gas mask and, single-handed, removed the unit until the defect could be repaired. . . . Frank Martin was again nominated "mayor of the job." . . . Coach Jim Sharkey guided his basketball team to another undefeated season and if Production wants a post-season game it will have to be a bowling contest or the softball game you owe us from last year! We are now in the bowling business.

The results of the recent bowling match between "The Frames" and "The Drills" was won by the Frames, the only real difference between the two teams was a pair of old bowling shoes worn by Joe Maisto.

Welcome back to the department, Alice Ellsey, after a recent operation. Also two new faces, Eva Morin and Louie Marguerite. . . . We wish Oliver Baker and Oscar Ampagoomian a speedy recovery from their illnesses.




**"After a couple of minor adjustments, this will be our best assembly job so far!"**

## PICKERS AND DRAWING

*by Sid Miedema*

Congratulations to Jim McTeer, who last month completed 30 years' service on the Picker Erecting floor. . . . The welcome mat is extended to Rose Riley, our new clerk at No. 16 crib. . . . Donald Dow paid us a visit after completing his training at Parris Island and his next stop is Camp LeJeune. . . . We are going to lose another attendant soon, Bob Currie has joined the Naval Reserve. . . . Jiggs Williams is heading for Detroit to set up machinery in a new mill. He is going by way of Niagara Falls and hopes to awaken to a second honeymoon.

From now on we know Harnas Dion will tell his wife when he goes out at night. Mrs. Dion, thinking her husband went to bed early to read, retired herself at ten o'clock. On returning to his home later in the evening, he found the door locked. Unable to arouse his wife, Harnas walked to his son's house a mile away and asked the son to return with him to assist in awaking Mrs. Dion. After a great deal of banging on the door, Harnas finally got into the house. No doubt he will carry his own key in the future. . . . Overheard: Harold Barnes telling Ruth Magill he keeps his waistline down by walking his dog in the woods each night. Don't be surprised if you see Ruth with a dog in the future.

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

Every month now I suppose there will be some of our old acquaintances recalled to the service. We hope that any of you fellows that are called will let us know. . . . This month our best wishes go to Willis H. Kemp, Jr., recalled to the Medical Corps, U. S. Navy, and Peter Andonian recalled to active duty with Fighter Squadron VF916, Squantum, Mass. . . . A stag party was held for Pete Andonian at the Fish and Game Club, January 19. He was presented a purse of money from Spinning setup boys. Joe Valis and Alec Scott were the committee in charge and they did a good job, too.

Quite a few service pins have been given out this month and I would like to list them in order: James Scott, 30 years; Arthur LaPierre, 15 years; Sidney DeJong, 10 years; Henry Barnett, 10 years; Arthur Alix, 10 years and Henry Desjourdy, 10 years. Congratulations, men, I am going to try to have you and a previous group of recipients meet with a photographer some noon hour at 12:45.

We have a small group of night men I don't wish to forget. Hope they can turn in a few news items once in a while. . . . Harriet VanDyke is sporting a new Ford. . . . Hugh Brown, recuperating at home after a long illness, expects to be back to work soon. Your co-workers will be glad to see you, Hughie. . . . Pete Young entered the K. of C. crib tournament with the stipulation that he would play with his foreman, Fred Langlois, as a partner. After seven straight losses, they went home talking to themselves. This, of course, is Joe Gauvin's story.

**A few members of the Spinning floor who attended the stag party for Peter Andonian, January 19**

New men added to our roster are Paul Leclair and Joseph Hesketh. . . . Thought I had seen and heard everything until I heard Don Simmons was late for work one morning because his guppy was having a litter of fish. . . . Our readers will be interested to know that on the Spinning setup floor we have a baseball umpire by the name of Bob Stewart. Bob comes in to work on his off-seasons. This past season he umpired in the Eastern League. His previous experience was in the Inter-State League for one year and the New England League for two years. His favorite rookie is Jim Brideweiser with the Yankee farm team in Binghamton, N. Y. Bob claims Phil Rizzuto is the only man keeping him out of the big leagues, because his position is also shortstop. Bob expects to be promoted to a faster league this coming season.

The committee who arranged a Christmas party for the family of a former member of our department, wishes to thank Jack Walker who handled all the details so well.

**That little fellow looking at you is James Kenneth DeJong who is now six months old. His father is Sidney DeJong who is with the Card Erecting Job. His mother is the former Marjorie Brewster whose father works in the Blacksmith Shop**

**Robert Stewart, umpire**

## SPINDLE JOB

*by Edward Bates*

Personality: Howard Boisvert started to work at Whitin in 1920. His first job was pressing oil deflectors on spindles, under the foremanship of Mr. B. R. Sweet. Since that time he has been hardening steps of spindles

**Howard Boisvert**

and pointing spindles. In his leisure, Howard likes to putter around his home and also likes to go for long walks in the woods at the rear of his house. In regard to the personnel on the Spindle Job, he thinks they are tops.

In December, Mr. James C. Rankine presented a 15-year service pin to William Rivet and a 10-year pin to Harry Galloway. . . . Zigmont Mezynski has been transferred to the Spindle Experimental Room and is now working for Dick Hare. We wish you every success in your new position, Zigmont. . . . Ellen Mezynski, the bride of Zigmont Mezynski, is now working with us on the Spindle Job. . . . Paul Blaine, captain of the Spindle Bowling Team, would like to challenge other shop teams for Saturday afternoon matches. If interested, please contact Paul. . . . We extend birthday greetings to Jennie Chosta and Paul Gagnon.

## WORKS ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

*by Oscar Erickson*

Mary Gibbons, Margaret Turcotte and Paul Drolet were in the ski party that went to North Conway, N. H. the week end of January 19, 20 and 21. . . . Helen Sitnik was to have made the trip but, unfortunately, she fell on the ice at her home and suffered a concussion. After spending seven days in the Woonsocket Hospital, she is now convalescing at her home. Helen wishes to thank all her friends for their nice cards and letters. . . . Helen Osterman Baker has left our employ. She was presented with gifts by the office. . . . We welcome to the Cost Department Lillian Kollett whose sister, Evelyn Kollett Bouvier, used to work for Ken Crossman. Evelyn is now the mother of three boys. Lillian's and Evelyn's father, Fred, works on the Tool Job. . . . Nothing has happened in the Tabulating Room according to Joan McFarlane, but on inquiry it was brought to my attention that Anita Belanger left on the 26th of January and Arlene Bruso and Oscar Jasmine have been welcomed as new members. . . . Aileen Morin, her husband and family spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Jackson Heights, N. Y. . . . Congratulations to the following who have birthdays in February: Helen Cotter, Florence Perry, Margaret Turcotte, Cal Hubbard and Paul Drolet. (Editor)—We congratulate Oscar Erickson, a member of the Whitinsville Blood Donors' Club, for recently giving his 33rd pint of blood. . . . Congratulations to Raymond Colby on receiving his pin for 15 years of service. . . . Payroll Computation reports the following news items: Florence Pieleski spent the week end of January 20 up in the ski country. . . . New faces are Elouise Vincent (formerly 438 time clerk) and Theresa Kacmarcik of East Douglas. . . . Audrey Todd is now at home convalescing slowly and hopeful of being back with us soon. . . . Betty Rymeski and Clare McDonald have had their tonsils out. . . . Madeline Renault is out ill. . . . Phyllis McQuilken of Budgets went on the ski party. . . . Congratulations to Robert English on receiving his 15-year pin.

**Judging from the happy smiles in this picture we can be reasonably assured that the Department 439 inspectors had a good time at their Christmas party held at the Duncan Inn, Blackstone**

## PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

*by Freelon Morris*

A month of sober reflection, we must allow for holidays, has passed and even now most of Personnel agrees that the Christmas party up at the Edgewood House in Grafton was most satisfactory.

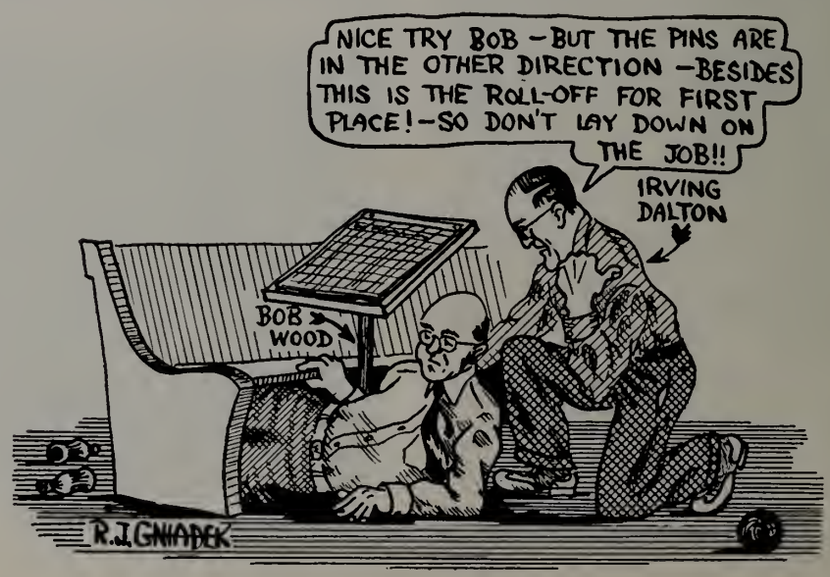
Outstanding events of the evening were the food, Mr. F. N. Stone at the piano with his weary wassailers rendering Christmas music, and Ken Eastman, the lingual *luetfisk*, ordering his meal in Swedish. A lack of space precludes a complete description of the many occurrences and remarks which enlivened the party.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Be it known to all and sundry that George "Champ" McCann has been a member of the Personnel Department, serving as a majordomo to Luke Lomartire, since September 5, 1950. He is hereby publicly welcomed to our fold.

A welcome greeting to Mrs. Dorothy Hendry, now of the SPINDLE Office. It is expected that her pleasant influence will brighten the office and publication considerably.

Another greeting goes out to the new 3rd shift "medic." He is none other than that famous physical director and man-about-the-Gym, "Gramp" Case. Rumor has it that "Gramp" is over here in the Shop to discover how the average person here in the Shop can possibly get into the horrible physical condition which he sees at the Gym. There is no foundation, however, to the rumor that calisthenics will be held during working hours.

The night of January 4 was fraught with anticipation. The event was the match between the Congregational Church's Beginners and Juniors bowling teams. Bob "Middle of the Gutter" Wood of the Personnel Department was lead-off man. Knowing that the struggle would be a hard-fought one, Wood set his sights for a strike. He grasped the ball, wound up, and swung down for the delivery. A dull thud and "the Wood" went down, flat on his back, pointing away from the pins, the ball still tightly clutched in his fist, thus splitting the sides of all onlookers at the alley. Needless to say, after its surprising start the rest of the game was commonplace. The anticlimax came when, despite Wood, the Beginners won.



## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

*by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin*

We bid farewell to Bill Linkow, formerly a Central Planner, who has left us to take up new duties in the Research Division. Vic Romasco will have to shoulder nearly all of the Yankee cheering by himself as Bill was a Yankee fan. This is the second Yankee to depart from us, the first being "Doc" Couillard—good luck, Bill, from all the gang up here in Production.

Don Walker, one of our repair expediters, is at this writing a patient at Cushing General Hospital in Framingham. We trust that Don's ailment will be corrected so that he will be back with us soon.

May we extend a warm welcome to the following who have recently joined the Stores Division: Lawrence J. Comtois, John P. Mahoney, Jr., Robert K. Lamora, Aldo P. Remy, Sarah A. Hoogendyke, Paul G. Vincent, William F. McDonald, Jr., John R. Callow, Lawrence W. Mahan. To the Planning Division—Roy C. Swanson, Mitchell Baroud, Arthur M. Shevchenks and Thomas J. McNamara.

Madeline Powers of the Stock Crib No. 5 office was feted by her co-workers at the Moors, January 7, 1951. The event was in honor of her marriage to Charles Deon of Millville, the ceremony being performed January 22. Madeline was presented with a boudoir chair by those in attendance, namely, Anor Champany, Eva Mongeon, Ann Cupka, Helen Dykstra, Betty Menard, Pat Rivet, Vera Taylor, Gertrude Lafleur, Mona Kelliher, Alice Bellione, Rena Lisak, Alice DerTorosian, Alice Gardner and Betty Bisson.

Bill Cassidy of No. 13 Stock Room was tendered a farewell party, January 5, at the Colonial Club in Webster. Bill, who is leaving us to enter the Armed Forces, was presented a purse by Master of Ceremonies John Hay.

It has been brought to our attention that we have a very versatile maid in our midst. Alice Gadvois, who commutes to work daily as a passenger in a car driven by a certain male from our office, went out to the parking lot in a snowstorm recently to find an uninflated tire on their vehicle. While everyone stood around in a quandary, and no one making any move to remedy the situation, Alice promptly went to work and changed the tire. It is our guess that if you are wondering who the male driver was, we suggest you put the question to Alice.

## WAGE STANDARDS

*by Angelina Fettuccia*

The best of luck was wished to Kenneth Mattson, a lieutenant in the U.S.N.R., who was recalled to active duty. The members of the office presented Ken with a military kit. . . . Kenneth Muccino has left our employ to take a new position in Waterbury, Conn. . . . Birthday greetings for January are extended to Arthur Broadhurst, Lloyd Flint and Walter Lanagan.

**Members of the Production Office night shift combined their Christmas party with a shower for Thelma VandenAkker**

**The personnel of the Wage Standards Department held their Christmas party at the Colonial Club in Webster on December 14**

## Whitin Machine Works Bowling League

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS—1ST HALF

| *Team* | *Won* | *Lost* | *Percentage* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Spindle Job | 35 | 17 | .673 |
| Freight Office | 31 | 21 | .596 |
| Grinders | 29 | 27 | .518 |
| Tin Cylinders | 27 | 29 | .482 |
| Roll Job | 27 | 29 | .482 |
| Office | 26 | 30 | .464 |
| Card Job | 22 | 26 | .458 |
| Spinning | 19 | 37 | .339 |

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|---|---|
| High Team Three Strings, Tin Cylinders | 1490 |
| Second High Team Three Strings, Spindle Job | 1482 |
| High Team Single String, Spindle Job | 534 |
| Second High Team Single String, Office | 533 |
| High Individual Three Strings, Luke Lomartire | 357 |
| Second High Individual Three Strings, Paul Mathieu | 354 |
| High Individual Single String, Luke Lomartire | 143 |
| Second High Individual Single String, Paul Mathieu | 140 |
| High Individual Average, Philip Rae | 100.6 |
| Second High Individual Average, Luke Lomartire | 98.9 |
| Third High Individual Average, Paul Mathieu | 98.7 |

Stuart White, former apprentice in the Foundry, is now serving on the U. S. Carrier "Bataan" off the coast of Korea

Robert Braman, formerly of 416, spent New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braman. He is stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

Dominic Dimarco, internal truck driver, poses with his plywood torpedo boat which he has been working on for eight months. It is 12 feet 8 inches long

# WAISTLINE VERSUS LIFE LINE

## If You Are Underweight

Underweight people may be perfectly healthy or they may be sick. Often they have poor posture and tire easily. Some have less resistance to disease and are more nervous and irritable than people of normal weight. Sometimes their thinness is caused by glandular trouble, insufficient rest or by chronic infections. Often it is caused by poor eating habits, by habitually getting less food than the body needs for fuel, building, upkeep, and protection.

If you are underweight because of poor dietary habits, you need to eat a larger amount of food, especially the protective foods. It is important for you to build up muscles and other body tissues as well as to replace normal fat. For this reason, eat your protective foods first. Increase such foods as milk, lean meat, butter, whole grain and enriched breads and cereals, and other foods which supply proteins, minerals, and vitamins as well as fuel.

Eat three regular meals a day. Don't be a snack-snatcher. Between-meal snacks spoil your appetite for real food. If you can't gain weight on the amount of food you eat in three meals, try eating something at bedtime. This can be a fourth meal if necessary. If you have been drinking two glasses of milk a day, make it three. Add an extra slice or two of bread and butter, and take larger servings of other foods.

Don't be impatient. It may be hard to get started, but if you keep eating a little more than has been your custom, you will begin to gain. If you eat well, but can't gain weight, see your doctor.

Weigh yourself once a week. When you get back to normal, begin to cut down on starches and sweets. Don't be like the thin little girl who set out to gain 10 pounds and didn't stop until she had gained 40!

## If You Are Overweight

The appetite sometimes plays tricks on us and calls for more fuel than we need for the amount of work we do. This excess fuel is stored as fat and, unfortunately, we have little choice as to *where* it's stored. It increases so slowly that, before we know it, people are calling us fat or—which is worse—obese! This hoarded fat puts a strain on the body: it overworks the heart, tires the feet, disturbs the conscience, and makes us less attractive.

If this has happened to you, and you want to do something about it, then reverse the process. Stop eating more fuel than you burn, and start burning more fuel than you eat.

When you start to reduce, the first thing to do is to make sure that you are eating enough of the protective foods to keep you looking and feeling your best. Eggs, milk, fruits, and vegetables are just as necessary for you as for anyone else. These protective foods should be eaten in place of sweets, starches, and fats.

People who are reducing often say that they are afraid to drink milk because they think "it's fattening." Skim milk and buttermilk are really low-calorie foods and make a good foundation for most reducing diets.

Take more exercise; it helps you to burn the stored fat. Eat slowly; this helps satisfy the appetite with less food. Weigh yourself once a week—you should lose about one or two pounds a week. Don't get discouraged. If you continue to eat right and get enough exercise, you will lose weight just as surely as you gained it when you ate too much and exercised too little!

A very few people are fat because their bodies get along on less fuel than usual. This is because certain of their glands do not function properly. This condition is very rare, but if you think you are such a person, go to your doctor for help. If he says that your fat is caused by overeating, take his word for it, and follow the diet he recommends. It is up to you to do it. That takes will power—or maybe it's *won't* power! —*from "Nutrition and You"*

## Obituaries

Albert L. Ames, a World War II Navy veteran, died at his home on B Street on January 3. He was employed as a methods engineer at the Whitin Machine Works. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the members of his family.

William Lawson of 42 Elm Street passed away at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on January 5. He entered the employ of the Whitin Machine Works 41 years ago and became foreman of Department 431 in 1936. He was a member of Whitco Foremen's Club and the Electro-Platers Society of Boston. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

W. Laurence O'Neill of 67 Main Street died on January 12. He was employed for 30 years at the Whitin Machine Works and for the past several years was a floorman at the Public Garage operated by the Company. Our condolences are extended to the members of his family.

William Rankin, 87, a life-long resident of this community, died January 2 at his home on 71 Main Street. He was employed as a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works for 52 consecutive years prior to his retirement 19 years ago. Our condolences are extended to his relatives.

George H. Ashton, 78, died at Odd Fellows Home, Worcester, January 16. He was born in Newton and had resided on Linwood Street, Uxbridge, for 44 years. He was employed as a toolmaker at the Whitin Machine Works for 40 years prior to his retirement. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

The Ring Job extends its sympathy to Clinton Babson on the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Babson, December 26.

Members of Department 437 express their sympathy to Beryle Doble on the death of his father, December 26. Also to Marion Doble in this loss of her grandfather.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Albert Willet on the death of her husband. He was a member of Department 433.

Edwin A. Rooney, salesman, died at his home in New Bedford on December 26. He was born in Canada and came to Manchaug when very young to work for B. B. & R. Knight Company. He came to Whitin in 1901 and started work on the Comber Job. In 1910, he went on the road as an erector. In 1925, he was promoted to serviceman and later salesman, a position he held until his death. He was the brother of Elwin and Thomas Rooney, both of whom at one time also worked for Whitin. We extend our deep sympathy to members of his family.

We express our sympathy to Joseph Gauvin of the Card Job on the death of his father in January.

## MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Gordon Curtis, of the Cost Department, became engaged to Joyce Pickering of East Blackstone.

Louise Wade, of the Cost Department, received her diamond from William Gobeille (Machinist Mate 3rd Class) of Woonsocket, Tuesday evening, January 9.

**Mr. and Mrs. Zigmont Mezynski were married October 7. Ellen works on the Spindle Job and Zigmont is in the Spindle Experimental Room**

Donald Lange, of Methods, became engaged to Eleanor Kelliher of Whitinsville during the Christmas holidays.

Clare McDonald, of Payroll Computation, received a diamond from Joseph Briand of Fisherville.

**John Everett Larsen, of the Master List Department, was married to Catherine M. Pryharski, of Woonsocket, on November 25, 1950 at the Sacred Heart Rectory**

Alice Ellsey, of the Winder Job Office, recently became engaged to Jean Thomas LaBelle of Peabody.

Virginia Dion, of No. 18 Storesroom, was married to Joseph DeVries, February 3, at Good Shepherd Church, Linwood.

Reggie Racicot, our Linwood miss, became engaged to Phil Kooistra of the Tool Job on Christmas Day.

Velma VandenAkker, night key-punch operator, and Sidney DeYoung were married on December 27 at the Christian Reformed Church.

Gladys DeYoung, Department 416, engaged to William Bangma of Uxbridge.

Peter Andonian, of Department 448, was married to Sirpouhi Bedirian of Franklin, Mass., in the Whitinsville Episcopal Church, Sunday, February 4.

Joyce Young, of the Repair Department, became engaged to Walter B. Brown, of the Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company, on December 22.

## Births

To Rene Herbert, of the Tin Cylinder, and Mrs. Herbert, a son, John Leslie, born in October.

To John Wright, Jr., of the Tin Shop, and Mrs. Wright, a daughter, Paula Jean, born January 12.

To Floyd Gudanowski, of Department 449, and Mrs. Gudanowski, a daughter, Beverly Ann, born January 17.

To Leo Brouillard, of Department 412, and Mrs. Brouillard, a son, born November 25.

To George Lamontagne, of Department 412, and Mrs. Lamontagne, a daughter, born December 1.

To Kenneth Mattson, formerly of Wage Standards, and Mrs. Mattson, a daughter, Lauren Ingrid, born December 26.

To John Romasco, of Wage Standards, and Mrs. Romasco, a daughter, Frances Maria, born January 8.

To Ernest Tremblay, of the Ring Job, and Mrs. Tremblay, an eight-pound son, Ernest T., Jr., born January 8, at the Whitinsville Hospital.

To Russell Durand, of Department 440, and Mrs. Durand, a daughter, Susan, born December 27.

To Eugene McClure, of the Gear Job, and Mrs. McClure, a 9-pound 5-ounce daughter born at the Whitinsville Hospital, January 13.

To Harry Chase, of Department 420, and Mrs. Chase, a daughter, born at the Whitinsville Hospital, January 13.

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# THE WHITIN Spindle

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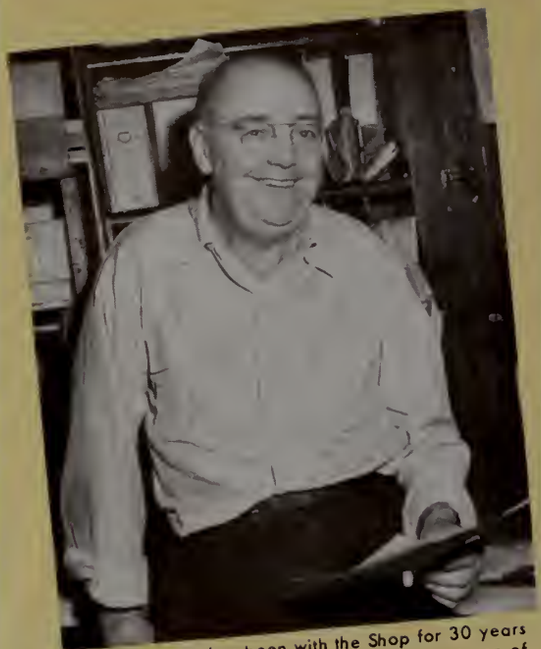


Mike Mountoin has been with the Shop for 30 years ond is with Deportment 442A. He is a veteron of World Wor I, married, and has two doughters

Fabian Corron hos been on the Flyer Job 45 yeors. His pastimes ore tropping ond fishing. He is married ond has two sons ond o doughter

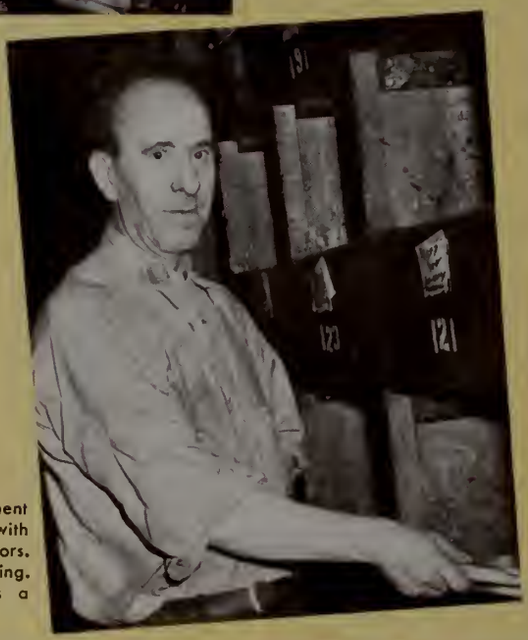
Jimmie McGuigan of Department 454 has been with the Company 26 yeors. He is married ond lives in Rochdole. His hobby is taking movies

# Familiar Faces

## AROUND THE PLANT

Gladys DeYoung works in Deportment 416. With the Shop seven years, her spare time is spent doing fancy-work and crocheting

Betty Benjomin is secretory to Lester Dermody. She hos been with the Compony for three yeors. Her hobby is accordion playing



Owen Dolton of Deportment 406 Stockroom hos been with the Company for 25 yeors. His hobby is home-gordening. He is morried and has a doughter, Eileen

Saneg Donarion is one group of men thot shoke castings in the Foundry. hos been with the Comp for 29 yeors. His fov hobby is gardening

# Gear Cutting and "Top Rolling"

By Richard Hare

The major item of this department is gears and it is familiarly known as "The Gear Job," but top rolls are made here, too. To the average housewife, "gears" and "top rolls" are foreign elements, but without them, she would still be spinning her own yarn and weaving all the clothes for the family. Gears and top rolls, are only modern devices to substitute for old-fashioned implements. For centuries, the usual method of harnessing horses to draw loads was by chains. When water wheels and steam engines came into use, their "pull" or strength was still measured by the horse and called "horsepower." To "chain" these new "horses" to the load, shafts, and pulleys with belts were used and later "cog-wheels" which were the first types of gears. The cog wheels were no more than wood disks with wood pins driven into them at regular intervals to form the "cogs." These cogs developed later into gear teeth such as we know today. Thus, today's refined system of gears no longer have the clank and rattle of the old time chains, but quietly perform the same function of "chaining the horse to the load." One of the best household examples of this is the ordinary washing machine that purrs like a kitten, but does the work of "one-quarter of a horse" supplied by the electric motor chained to the agitator and wringer rolls by gears. As for the top rolls, they do some of the work formerly done in the homes by the old spinning wheel. Their present-day function, when used in connection with another roll, and in sets of three, is to stretch the yarn from a thick size to a smaller and more usable size. Thus, the two items manufactured by the Gear Job are major improvements of past practices. They are indispensable for the success of our modern machines, and must be manufactured with skill and precision to prevent blemishes in the yarns being made by our Whitin Machines in the mills. In fact, the importance of these two items to our spinning and twisting frames can be shown by a simple comparison: the "heart" of the spinning frame is usually considered to be the spindles. However, the yarn is delivered to the spindles *by top rolls* in connection with bottom rolls which in turn are *driven by gears.* It is easy to see, then, how necessary to the "heart" are top rolls and gears.

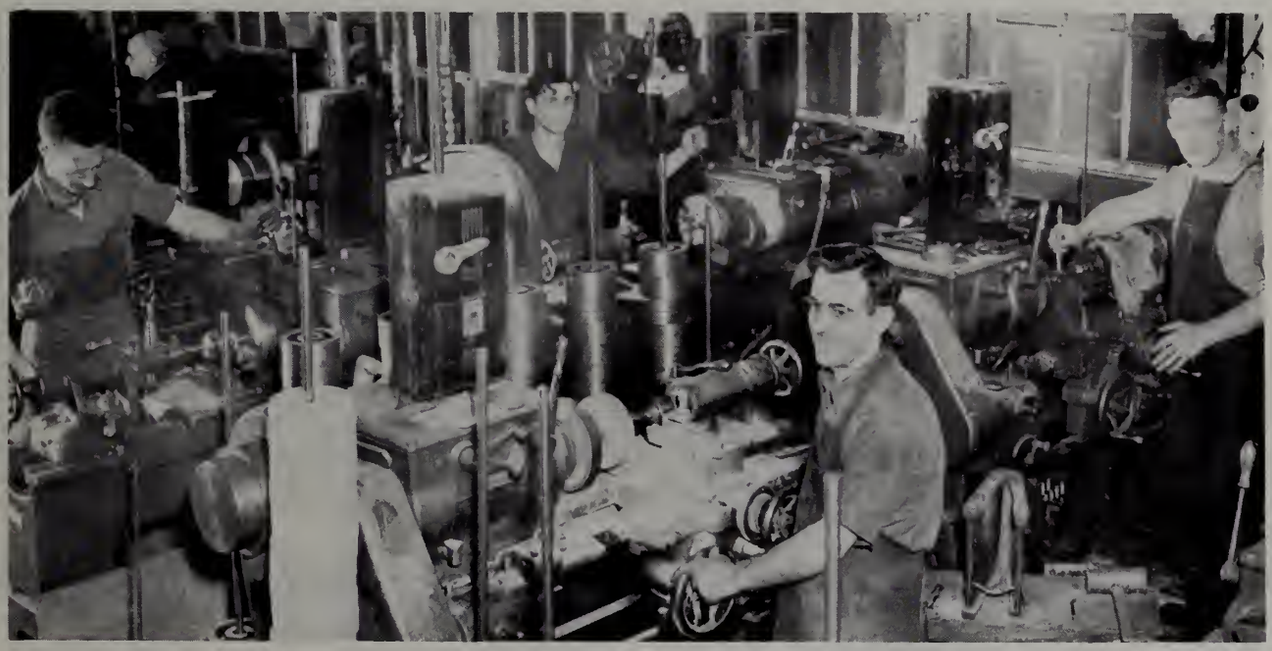


*Figure 1. Floris Ebbeling, Rene Tancrell, Emil Handfield, and Alvin Winchell forming gear blanks in the LeBlond Lathe section. In the center of the picture gear blanks are clearly shown stacked on steel poles*

Here at Whitinsville, our Gear Department is both large and very complete, and represents steady growth in equipment and personnel over the years. Many companies in business for the sole purpose of making gears

do not have as much or as good equipment as is found on our Gear Job. In addition, the Gear Stockroom of finished gears occupies a floor space of over 3700 square feet, and this is nearly doubled by having a "second story platform," so that the stock bins can be double height. There are actually thousands of finished gears of all sizes and types to draw from as needed.

There is a considerable amount of work involved in making gears, and a number of operations have to be done with special care to maintain accurate dimensions and "squareness" of the rim with the bore or center hole. Materials used are usually cast iron from our foundry, or purchased material such as solid steel bar stock, and sometimes other materials such as fiber or plastic. Figure 1 shows the lathe section where the gear blanks are being shaped up in preparation for further work by the gear-cutting machines. In this picture, the gear blanks may be clearly seen stacked on poles for ease of handling. The large base on the bottom end of the pole acts as a wheel, and by carefully tilting the pole to balance on the edge of the base, the whole stack of blanks or finished gears can be swiftly rolled to the next machinery station.

The manner in which a gear-cutting machine puts the teeth on the rim of a blank is shown in Figure 2. The blank being cut is firmly held in a post by heavy cups pressing all around the rim and shows up well in the picture. The cutter slides up and down very fast to cut out small chips at each stroke. The fast moving cutter is blurred in the picture but the chips are plainly seen piled up in the trays. The particular gear shown has its teeth at an angle and is called a "spiral" gear. This spiral type of gearing is smoother, quieter, and stronger in operation than the ordinary "spur" gear that has the

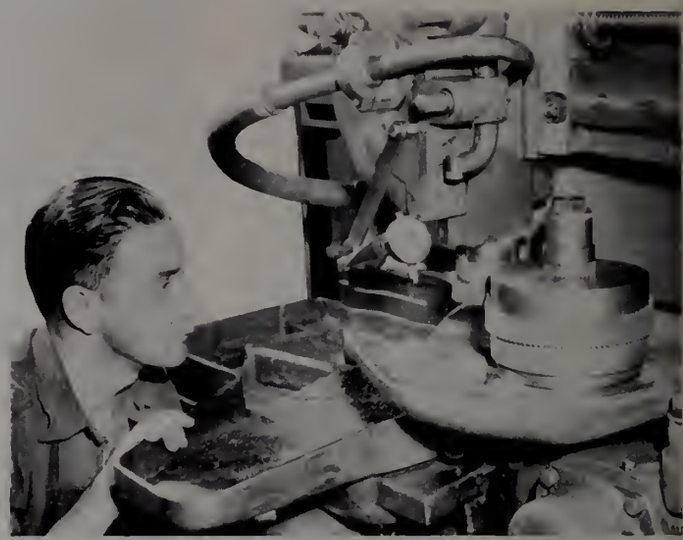


*Figure 2. Lyman Thomas cutting a spiral gear on the Fellows Gear Shaper. This gear has teeth on an angle*

teeth straight across the rim or "face." Tooth shape and cutters are more complicated for spirals than for regular gears and more care is needed to produce the higher quality results.

Machines acquired in the last few years have added to the precision and quality level of our Whitin gears and among them is the "gear shaver" which utilizes a special cutter. Each tooth of this cutter has a number of cutting edges instead of just one. This machine takes gears from the gear-cutting machines and by a rapid series of very fine cuts, will produce a smooth surface and almost perfectly shaped teeth. Figure 3 shows this "gear shaver" and Inset 3A shows a close-up of another spiral gear being shaved and the shaving cutter with its many cutting edges. Incidentally, the gear shown, besides being of the spiral type, is also made of "micarta" which is formed of layers of cloth molded in plastic. This type of material is very strong, is resilient to absorb shock, and is extremely quiet in operation. On our Whitin frames for twisting Dupont's nylon and rayon yarns before they are made into stockings and such things, every other gear used is made of micarta. Thus, in a chain of gears, the first might be metal, the next gear will be micarta, the next metal, the next micarta, etc. This system reduces noise and vibration to a minimum. The micarta or cloth allows the gear teeth to mesh tighter together without damage and this takes out extra "play" or "back lash" between

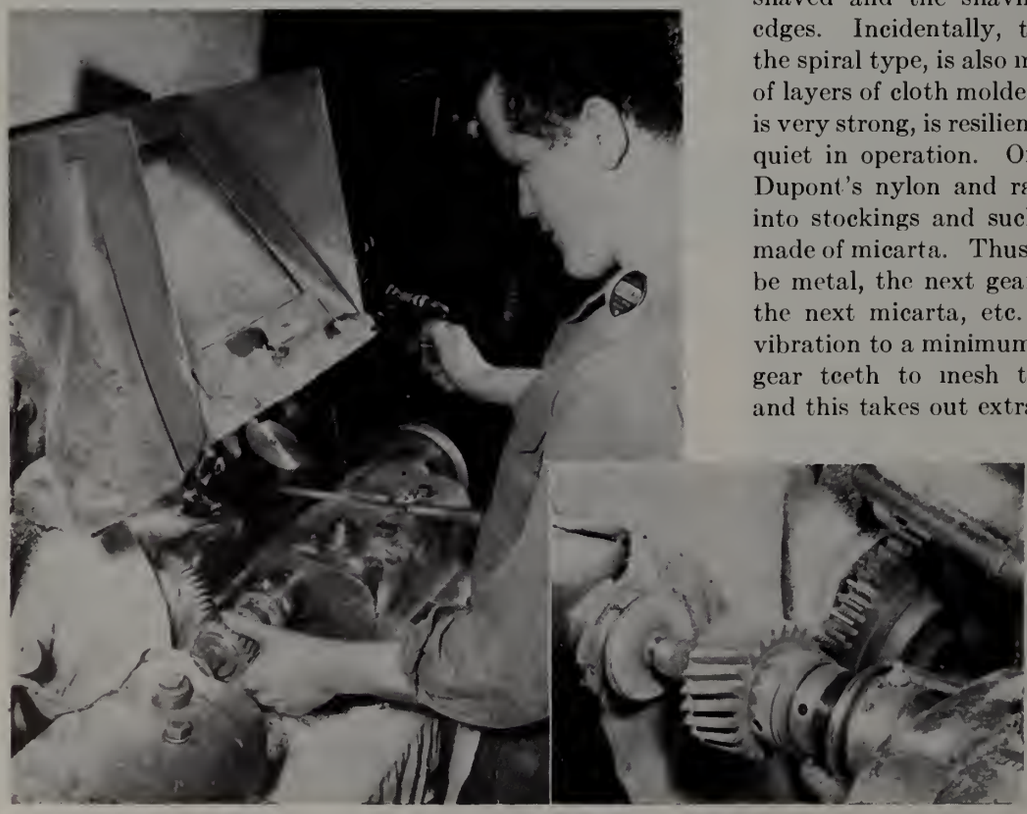


*Figure 3. James Spratt getting ready to shave a gear. Inset: A close-up showing the micarta spiral gear and the multiple cutting edges of the shaving tool*

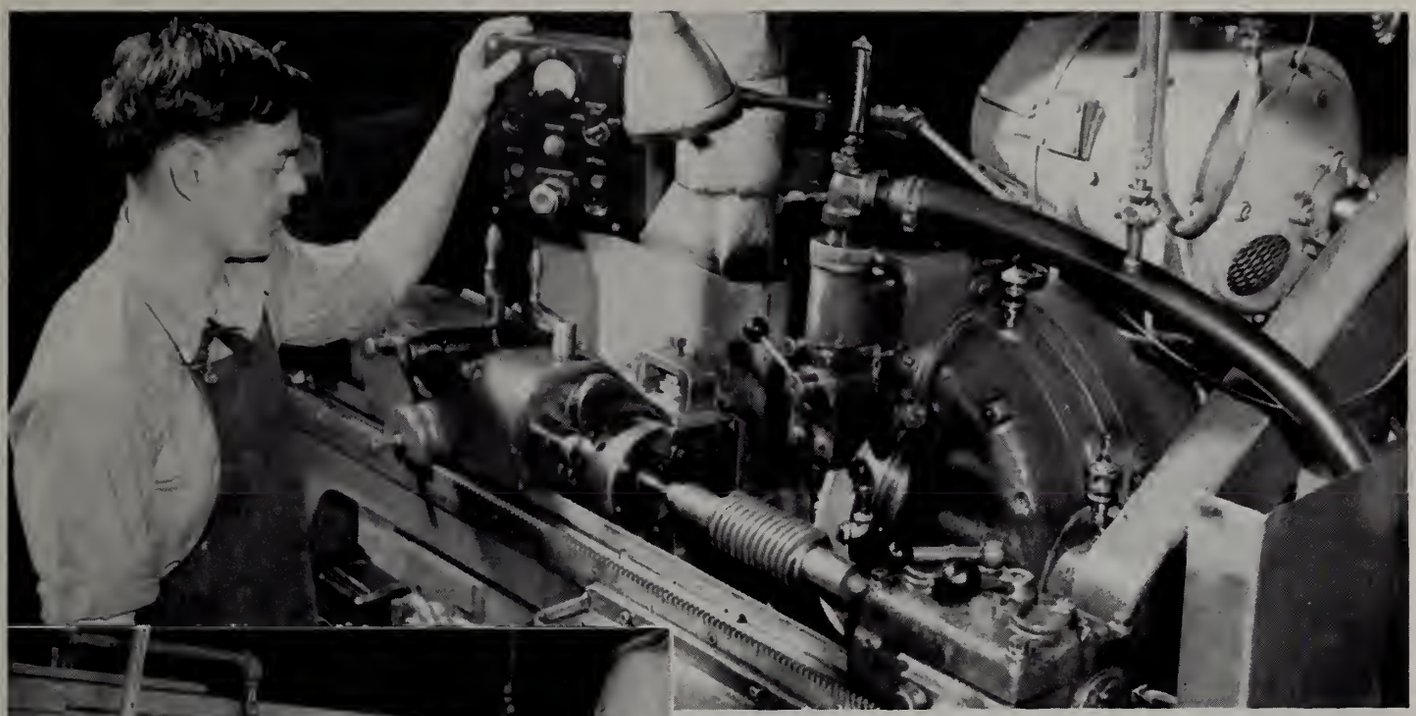


*Figure 6. Thaddeus Lewandowski grinding the threads of a worm to give a smooth and accurate finish*

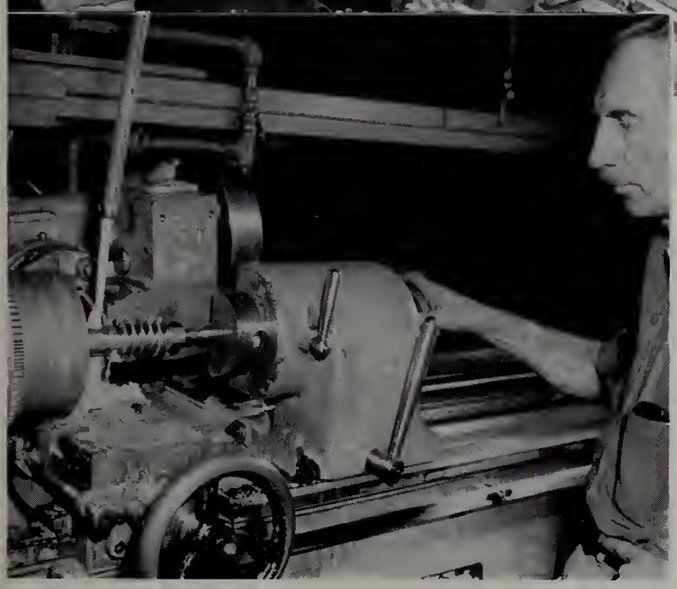


*Figure 5. Charles Bagg cutting a worm on a thread miller*

*Figure 4. Alex Jongsma checking his work while cutting bevel gears on a Gleason Bevel Gear Cutter*

the gears. This might not seem so important to some, but if vibration or extra play occurs in the machines, the nylon yarn, especially, will be uneven in thickness and when knit or woven into stockings or cloth will produce a wavy pattern which cannot be removed. Thus, we safely say that the quality of the nylon goods we buy at any store depends a lot on the way our Whitin machines function in Dupont plants (the only makers of nylon yarn) and particularly the way the gears do their work. In this respect, there are a few gears made in the Gear Department for Dupont machines that have to be true running within one-half of one thousandth of an inch. An average human hair is eight times thicker than this amount. This gives a little idea of the skill and accuracy required of our machines and operators to make such gears as this.

Occasionally it is necessary to carry power around a corner, and to do this, "bevel" gears are used. That is, the teeth are cut on a slant or bevel. In fact, every bevel gear is the top part of a cone and all the teeth aim toward the point of the cone. For the teeth to do this, they have to grow thinner and thinner and shallower and shallower the nearer they get to the cone point. To cut such constantly changing tooth contours requires expensive and complicated machines besides considerable experience of the operators if accurate gears are to result. Such a machine is shown in Figure 4, where the position of the gear and the two little cutting knives can be seen. Also plainly seen are the teeth all pointing towards what would be the point of a cone if carried out until they all met. The most common places where bevel type gears are seen carrying power around corners are where an

*Figure 7. Ernest Lambert forming centers on top rolls*

automobile drive shaft engages the center of the rear axle at the big "hump" and also where the upright shaft in the washing machine side post turns the corner to make the wringer rolls turn. At these places are just such gear types as shown in Figure 4.

Even though gear cutting is a skilled trade, a lot of the language used remind the men of home. For instance, the tools are stored in "the crib"; we have been talking about "cutting teeth," the teeth are on the "face" of the gear and it is often necessary to "brush the teeth" either with hand brushes or power brushes to remove grit and dirt. Spiral gears are cut either "right hand" or "left hand"; gear rotation is either "clockwise" or "counterclockwise." They talk about "LeBlond" but that's only the make of a machine used to turn gear blanks. There are a lot more "webs" than at home for this is the solid part of the gear between hub and rim when no spokes are used. The hole in the hub is called a "bore" which is a "homey" term for certain unliked individuals. "Keys" are used to hold the gears from turning on shafts. "Bins" are used for gear storage instead of flour or coal storage; blanks are machined on "arbors"; "dogs" are used to drive the work in some machines; some machines have "head" stocks and "tail" stocks, and so on. There is also one other we can't skip. The Gear Job *makes* "worms." They are not the fishing kind but the "thread" kind. These, however, are made of solid steel. To see what they look like, glance at Figures 5 and 6 and see the long threaded pieces held on the work arbors.

"Worms," and "worm gears" are a means of applying terrific amounts of power to heavy loads. A fast turning worm meshed into a worm gear (which does not look too differently from a spiral gear except the teeth have to be curved inward at the center section to conform to the threads of the worm) will turn the worm gear very slowly, but try to stop it! Heavy trucks use this drive in place of bevel gears for the rear axle drive. Powerful cranes and lifting hoists use this form of drive. The steering wheel of a car employs this type of drive. The result is an easy twirl of the wheel exerts tremendous leverage to move the front wheel assembly regardless of bumps, speed, or side sway of the car. In addition to great speed reduction and great power transmission gained from this type of gearing, any kick-back through the worm gear is not transmitted back in a way to turn the worm. This is again best shown by the steering wheel of the car, in that it takes very severe bumps against the front wheels to turn the steering wheel mildly. If ordinary gearing were used, every bump against the front wheels would twist the steering gear out of the driver's hands. For maximum speed reduction and greatest leverage, worms having a single thread are used. For less speed reduction and less leverage, worms having several threads are employed. These multiple threads are truly long spirals running side by side. Referring to Figures 5 and 6 again, Figure 5 shows a thread *milling* machine cutting the thread in a worm. Figure 6 shows a thread *grinding* machine which establishes very smooth surfaces on threads for smoother operation. These two machines have been added to the Gear Department in the last few years in its expansion program. Formerly, thread milling machines were located in another department, but the thread grinders are new.

Turning to the top roll section, this part is not as glamorous, nor as varied in design as gears. Consequently, even though its function is very important, it requires

*Figure 8. Mabel Ringholm, at the left, checking top rolls for "runout" of centers. The two raised dials are held in readiness to check ends. Margaret Proffitt, in foreground, checking gear for defects. Standing is Louise O'Connell, chief inspector on the Gear Job*

fewer machines and less complicated machines to make them with. Essentially these are short rolls varying from 4½" to 11½" in length. They have the ends machined to form small gudgeons and the center section is machined small, too. The result is a shape like a rolling pin with a waist in the middle. All machinery used in making this part is designed for fast production. On the first grinding operations (recently moved to Department 438) there are two grinding machines connected by a track and the first has a "hopper feed." The raw cast iron slugs are dumped into the hopper which automatically picks them up, lines them one behind another on a small chain conveyor track that feeds them through the first or "rough grind" operation. Coming out of this machine, they follow the track which feeds them to the second machine that grinds them nearer to finish size. The operator must keep these two machines set just right to produce the right sizes with no taper or out-of-roundness. The rest of the operations are "turning" operations, knurling operations, polishing operations, and some straightening operations. Figure 7 shows a top roll with one end in the jaws of a revolving chuck and the other end supported by rollers while a cutting tool cuts out the center portion of the roll. The chips can be seen rolling away from the center section being cut.

Whether it is making gears or top rolls, operations would not be complete without a final inspection. A crew of inspectors test and examine every lot and every piece for certain qualities. They screen out any defective materials or machining that hinders the function of the parts. Machine operators are responsible for the quality of the work they do, but they cannot take the time nor do they have the equipment to go over every piece. The Inspection Department, however, has special equipment

*Figure 9. Pete Jongsma, foreman of the Gear Job, and his assistant, George Holt*

*Figure 10. A few of the many types of gears cut on the Gear Job*

and operators keyed to this type of work. In every case, the blueprint of the part is considered "standard" and it is the inspectors' job to see that the parts are made to blueprint dimensions, besides looking for visually detected defects. They also check the first piece produced on a machine after the machine is set up. The machine is all set to go as soon as it produces a piece of work getting the "O.K." from the "First Piece" Inspector. Figure 8 shows part of the Inspection set-up where top rolls are being inspected on a machine for testing diameters, roundness, and straightness of the top rolls. They are then stacked in the tray as shown for visual inspection. Figure 9 is not what it looks like at first glance. It looks like "over the backyard fence" where two people can talk at the same time, but actually it's a lifelike view of "the bosses" that keep the Gear Department producing an average of 12,000 gears a week. The highest week was 23,000 a couple years back. Theirs is a job of assigning the work, guiding the operators, fulfilling the work schedules, and in general, overseeing the thousand and one details, big and little, that make a department of this size and scope function smoothly week in and week out. It requires years of experience and a certain amount of ingenuity, skill and tact to handle all the details that arise.

The senior employees of this department are Earl Hanny, 56 years; Leo McGuire, 51 years; John Blaine, 48 years; Alex Jongsma, 38 years; Julian Pawlowski, 35 years; Peter Jongsma, 31 years; James Rogers, 28 years; Isadore Labelle, 28 years; George Hilditch, 24 years; and Harry Thompson, 22 years.

# New Dial System Rings a Bell

By Burton A. Robie

*Julia Pristawa, of the Sales Department, dials a number on her new telephone. A person using this new telephone, sets up his or her own local connection by operating the dial. Manual telephone switchboards are rapidly being replaced with automatic dial systems. Automatic equipment performs at full capacity 24 hours a day without operators in attendance*

Many changes have taken place in our Shop Telephone System since 1906 when Thomas Hamilton, our present supply manager, operated the first switchboard. At that time there were approximately 125 telephones in the Shop, averaging a total of 500 calls a day. When the new automatic dial system was placed in operation on January 22, 1951, the traffic registers recorded 13,000 calls the first day. On an average day 9,000 calls are now received in the exchange from more than 700 Shop telephones. The night traffic between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. alone averages more than 1,000 calls in an evening. The manual switchboard, which was discontinued when the new dial system was instituted, handled approximately 5,000 calls in an average day.

At present, the new system has about 400 lines in operation, and this can be increased to 600 lines without much additional equipment. The ultimate capacity of the exchange is 1,000 lines. This is comparable to a telephone company's installation serving a town with a population of 12,000 or more people.

The installation took ten months to complete and consisted of laying new telephone cables in the Shop and setting up the new equipment in the exchange. Approximately 8,000 feet of new telephone cable was installed. Many of these cables contain 100 pairs of No. 22 copper conductors as they leave the exchange, tapering off to 60, 40, 20 and ten pairs as they reach the outlying sections of the Shop. The exchange is located in the Main Office building.

A person using this new telephone, sets up his own local connection by operating the dial. When the telephone hand set is lifted it causes a circuit to operate the calling party's line relay, which in turn operates an idle linefinder switch. Each linefinder switch is associated with a selector switch. The selector switch is responsive to the first dialed digit and determines the hundreds group in which the called line is located, and locates an idle connector switch. The second and third digits then operate a connector switch which seizes the called line. When there is more than one party on the line it is necessary

to dial a fourth digit in order to ring the wanted party.

The automatic exchange is made up of standard switches which can be jacked in or out of standard shelves. The shelves, each containing a maximum of ten switches, are bolted to unit frames. The exchange may consist of one or more frames with only sufficient switches mounted to care for the traffic in the exchange. Should more traffic develop, more switches (which are the mechanical "operators" of the system) may be added at any time. Thus the exchange may be altered as necessary to meet changing traffic conditions.

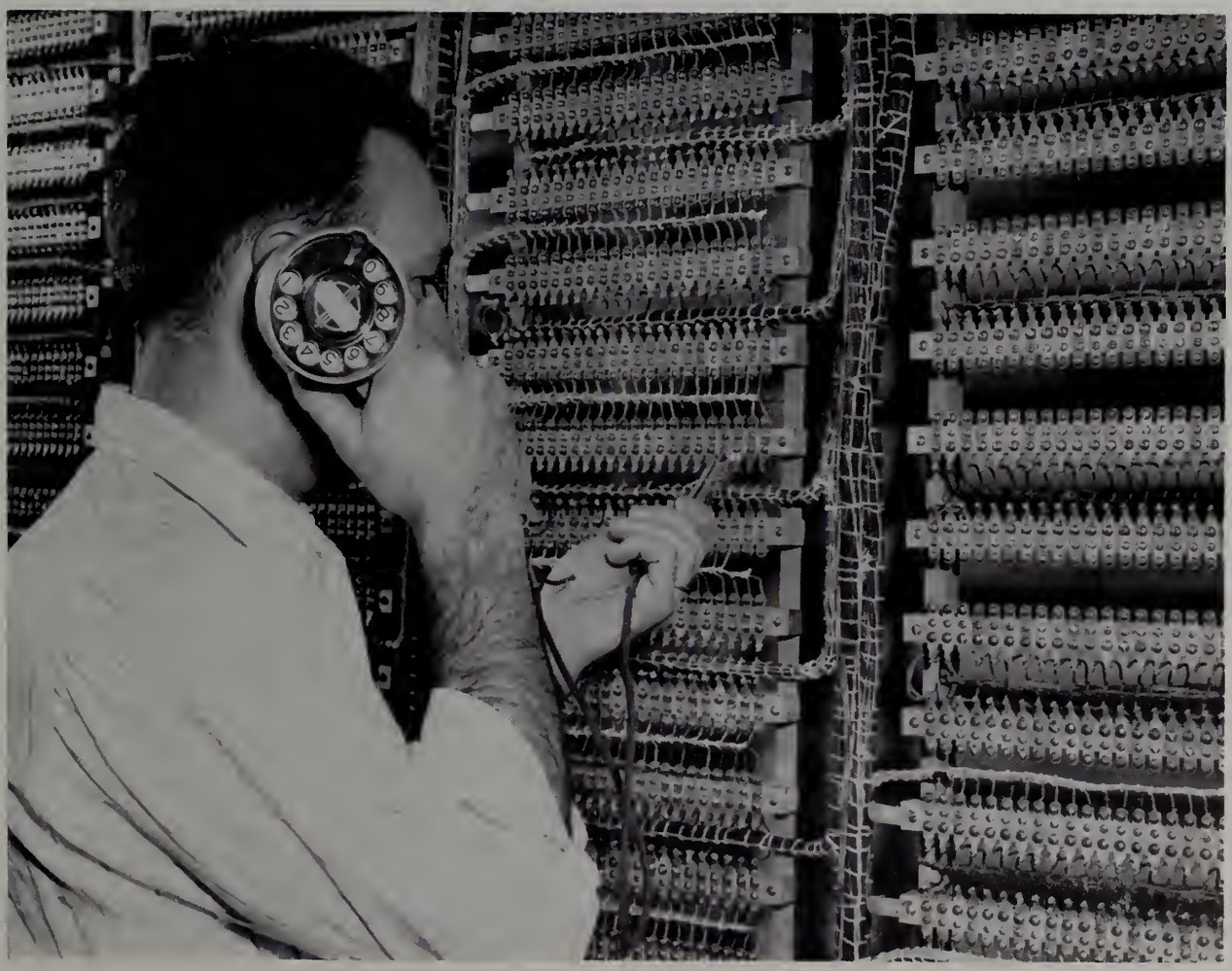
The exchange is protected by a system of both audiable and visual alarms. In the case of a battery charging failure, blown fuses, coil failure, locked out line equipment and other faults, the alarms on the switchboard indicate the location of the failures.

The operation of the exchange is powered by a 48-volt direct current battery. The charging of the battery is fully automatic through either one or two systems fed by Shop power. If the power fails the exchange can run from the battery alone for several hours, depending on the traffic load.

In recent years there has been a definite trend toward the replacing of manual telephone switchboards with automatic dial systems. One reason for this is that automatic equipment stands ready to operate at full capacity 24 hours a day without operators in attendance. Also the exchange itself may be locked up and left unattended. A further advantage of automatic equipment is its economy of operation. In fact, operational costs are almost negligible and little maintenance is required, as the switches and relays are of rugged construction.

The actual changing over from the old manual exchange to the new automatic dial exchange was done during a single week end. The new equipment has been operating better than expected, there has been only a minimum of trouble. A few minor faults developed during the breaking-in period, but they did not last more than five or six weeks.

The installation of the new equipment was under the supervision of engineers from the Automatic Electric Sales Corporation, manufacturers of the apparatus. They were assisted by members of the Electrical Department of the Whitin Machine Works.



*Aram Mooradian checking one of the many lines entering the exchange. At present there are about 400 lines in operation. The ultimate capacity of the exchange is 1000 lines. An installation of this size would adequately serve a town having a population of 12,000 people. The change-over from the manual telephone switchboards to automatic dial was completed in a single week end. The actual installation of the dial system required ten months*

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## IT COSTS MONEY TO MAKE JOBS

What do you think it costs to set up business where men can make a living by manufacturing goods or giving some service to the public?

A recent survey indicates that in all businesses except banking, insurance and the like, it costs, on the average, about $11,200 for each worker employed. In factories where big buildings, a lot of machinery, machine tools, and delicate instruments are needed, it costs a great deal more than $11,200. In other cases, where a businessman needs only a showroom and a small stock of goods, it may cost less.

Increasing costs, the survey also showed, are making it harder and harder to find people who, after paying their taxes, can spare enough cash to invest in new businesses, which in turn can and do create new jobs.

FRONT COVER: A new automatic dial telephone system was put into operation in our plant January 22, 1951. This modern installation replaces the manually operated switchboard system which has been in operation since 1906. Albert Couture, electrician, is shown checking one of the line switches in the dial system. Counters registering all calls are clearly shown on his right.

# *Whitin Personality*

Robert J. McConnell is our Company's vice-president in charge of Cotton Sales, Service, Research and Development. Before joining the Whitin Machine Works in 1935 Bob was a superintendent at the Pequot Mills. Then, the Pequot Mill was the largest in the world under one roof—it housed 163,000 spindles.

Robert was born in Biddeford, Maine, and graduated from the Biddeford High School. In 1907 he entered the York Manufacturing Company in Saco, Maine, where he studied cotton manufacturing. In 1912, Bob went to Pepperell Mill in Biddeford where he was a foreman in charge of the card room. In 1915 he was appointed overseer of the card room.

Bob is a Kiwanian, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the past president of the Boston Textile Club, the director of Southern New England Textile Club, an honorary member of the Phi Psi, a member of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, a member of the American Association of Textile Technologists. Bob is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the past president of the North Shore Council of Boy Scouts. He is a council member of St. Patrick's Boy Scout Troop and recently had an outstanding Boy Scout award conferred upon him—the Silver Beaver Award.

Robert is married and the father of three children; two of his children are married and a daughter is a student at Lowell State Teachers College. Asked what his favorite sport is, he replied, "Golf, but I'm the world's worst player!"

# Suggestion Awards

Granted in the Months of November, December, and January

**WINNERS**

| *Dept.* | *Name* | *Suggestion Number* | *Amount of Award* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 425 | William J. Spratt | 50–163 | $150.00 |
| 429 | Michael Power | 50–3 | 100.00 |
| 415 | Charles Sohigian | 50–152 | 42.50 |

*Michael Power, of the Spinning and Twister Small Parts Job, suggested that lifting rods be inserted into paper tubes to protect their mirror finish while in transit from one machining operation to another. For this suggestion he received an award of $100*

*William Spratt, of the Jobbing Department, received $150 for suggesting a more economical method of packing draw rolls*

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| 407 | Jacob Wiersma | 50–11 | $30.00 |
| 466 | Oliver Coulombe<br>Stanley Nuttall | 50–201 | 25.00 |
| 420 | Alex Jongsma | 50–198 | 20.00 |
| 411 | Joseph Bartlett | 50–200 | 20.00 |
| 420 | Eugene McClure | 50–212 | 20.00 |
| 430 | John M. Dziob | 50–223 | 13.00 |
| 419 | Joseph Ratty | 48–493 | 10.00 |
| 440 | Alfred J. Emond | 50–234 | 10.00 |
| 409 | Simon Platukis | 50–237 | 10.00 |
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| 410 | Joseph A. Roy | 50–192 | 10.00 |
| 454 | Frederick Grant | 50–145 | 5.00 |
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| 489 | James Ashworth | 50–205 | 5.00 |
| 460 | Horace Carey | 50–207 | 5.00 |
| 440 | Nelson Bartlett | 50–208 | 5.00 |
| 489 | James Ashworth | 50–219 | 5.00 |
| 489 | James Ashworth | 50–204 | 5.00 |
| 460 | George Cartier | 50–231 | 5.00 |
| 443 | James McTeer | 50–216 | 5.00 |
| 460 | George Cartier | 50–230 | 5.00 |
| 440 | Russell J. Durand | 50–235 | 5.00 |

# Whitin Superintendents and Retired Foremen Guests of Whitco Foreman's Club at Dinner-Meeting

Superintendents and retired foremen of the Whitin Machine Works were the guests of the Whitco Foreman's Club at a dinner-meeting February 14 in the Fire Station assembly room.

The evening's activities commenced with a tasty ham dinner, catered by Mrs. Walker of East Douglas. Immediately following the dinner the Club conducted a short business meeting. In the absence of the Club's president, Gilbert Harwood, who was ill, Henry Kooistra, past president, presided.

Before introducing the guest speaker of the evening, Henry Kooistra called upon John Cunningham, general superintendent, to address the assembly. Mr. Cunningham spoke briefly about the Formal Opening of the Research Division to be held on April 16, 17, and 18. In talking about the contract between the Whitin Machine Works and the United Steel Workers of America he mentioned that printed copies would soon be available to all employees in the collective bargaining unit. In closing he thanked the Whitco Foreman's Club for giving the superintendents an opportunity to meet with the present foremen and for the opportunity to renew old acquaintances among the retired foremen.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Dale Dutton, of the Bristol Manufacturing Company, who gave a very inspiring talk on "Human Relations."

Fred Robertson, Club treasurer, and William Lyman, secretary, were in charge of the evening's program.

Foremen, assistant foremen, and retired foremen shown on these pages were among those present at the meeting.

*Center of head table, from the left: Frank N. Stone, personnel director; Dr. Dale Dutton, guest speaker; Henry Kooistra, past president of the Foreman's Club; John H. Cunningham, general superintendent; and James C. Rankine, assistant superintendent*

*From the left: Richard Davidson, Cecil Baker, Edward Rosol, Robert MacDonald, and retired foreman John Carroll*

*From the left: Alan Blizard, Erle Simmons, Duty Caswell, Clint Babson, Wallace Gaddas, and Harry Stuart*

*From the left: Earl White, Michael Feen, William Woodcock, William Lyman, and retired foreman Ernest Keyes*

*From the left: William Todd, Gerrit Ebbeling, Lester Hewett, William Wilson, Henry Berube, Ernest Keyes, Earl Hammond, and William Barber*

# *Hobby—*

# Making Friends with Dolls

*Louise Bedford is shown holding her favorite doll, the little flower-seller from France. On the table you can see a part of her doll collection. That strange-looking fellow in the center of the picture is from Guadalajara, W. Mexico*

It all started when Louise Bedford purchased a little Dutch-made doll in Baker's store on a wintry Saturday afternoon in the middle thirties. At first she thought that the doll would make a nice gift for some little girl but not until a few years ago did she actually give the doll away; when she did, the doll became the first member of a doll collection-to-be for a little Dutch girl here in Whitinsville. At the time of the purchase Louise was unaware of the fact that this little doll was about to add an exciting new chapter to her life. Louise's friends have been responsible for her doll collection; they have sent and brought her dolls from all over the world. Amazingly enough, Louise has never purchased a doll to add to her collection since the day she bought that first little doll.

When asked how many dolls she has in her collection, Louise replied, "I'm afraid that my collection is quite small at the moment. Of course, the Christmas Holiday explains this. My dolls aren't valuable to anyone but me, and my collection swells and decreases depending upon how many little girls come to visit me."

Many young girls who admired Louise's exhibition at the recent Whitin Hobby Show left the Show with a doll from Louise to add to or to start their own doll collections.

Louise has some very interesting and unusual dolls in her collection. Her favorite doll is the little flower-seller from France. This is the doll which she is holding in the above picture. Then, there's the roly-poly, red-fezzed boy doll from Turkey and the little Japanese girl. Louise has in her collection one of the smallest dolls in the world mounted on a pin. It measures three-eighths of an inch high and is complete in every detail. Another unusual item is the six little dolls that live in a straw box about one inch long and one and a half inches high. These little figures represent the six leading industries of Guatemala.

Of course, Louise isn't the only member of her family who has a collection. Her husband has an unusually interesting collection of bells which have been gathered from the world over. The countries of the world are certainly well represented in the Bedford family. Louise's story of how she accidentally started a doll collection is an unusual one. However, she has proven that any collection or hobby can add a happy chapter to anyone's life.

*Dolls from the world over are shown in this display. No. 1: Hungarian bridal doll complete with the native bridal headdress. No. 2: This doll is the roly-poly, red-fezzed boy doll from Turkey. No. 3: This is the Japanese lady. No. 4: This little doll is made completely of shells, even the little pocketbook which she is carrying. No. 5: Those six little figures lying on the table live in that little box beside them. They represent the six leading industries of Guatemala. No. 6: Can you find it? That little speck in front of the picture is No. 6. It represents the little doll which is mounted on a pin. This doll is all of three-eighths of an inch high and is one of the smallest dolls in the world*

# Sports

By Harold Case

This will be the last column on basketball for the season, even though the play-offs have yet to be played in the Community League. If these latter games go the way I think they will the final basket will have been made a couple of weeks before these words are printed.

The teams ended up in the positions I figured they would. Barron O'Rourke came up with two surprises by knocking off Douglas one night and two nights later they set down Fred's Restaurant. These defeats hurt too, as in the final standing, by winning, it could have meant the difference of third or fourth place. Third place being the less desirable spot as it meant playing Avakians' in the first round play-off games.

The P. & Q. outfit bore out my opinion as a well-balanced and sharpshooting team by ending up in a solid second place spot. Douglas A.A. kept improving every game and outside of a defeat by P. & Q. they were the only team to outscore the leading Avakians. To prove it wasn't just a fluke, they did it twice! If they have a "hot" night it is quite possible that they may defeat P. & Q. and end up in the finals. I believe the Avakians will continue to outscore their opponents and end up the play-off champions. They are a hard team to beat when Piper Coyle is on the floor and I don't think he will miss any of the final games.

It is interesting to note that every team had at least one player scoring 200 or more points during the regular season. Piper Coyle (263), Gus Hoffman (237), Jack Ratcliffe (227), Booboo Jones (226), Bill Rayback (205), and Oscar Asadoorian (200) are the ones on this select list.

The real finale to the 1950-51 season will be a banquet sometime during the first week of April. There will be a program of speeches, presentation of trophies, and possibly movies.

Now for the next sport on the calendar—softball. A sort of intramural league is being formed in the shop and right now there are 16 teams that have every intention of fielding a winning ball club: Departments 412, 420, 422, 429, 431, 448, 449, Crib No. 5, 404, Drafting Room, Apprentices, Wage Standards, Methods, Production and Freight House. If you want to play and haven't been contacted, there certainly must be room in here somewhere. If there are other departments interested in the league, contact Mike Marker not later than March 30. The fairer sex have decided to limber up the old soup bone too and have five teams formed. Any potential "Babe" Zaharais should see these girls if they wish to play: Carol Arakelian, Betty Bisson, Millie Hayter, Patricia Duggan or Patricia McGuire.

The Church League will function again, although with fewer teams this year; the Recreation League will "go" also. There is some doubt concerning the Pops' League as it is felt that possibly the intramural league will take care of this group. After all, the old man has to stay home once in a while and weed the garden. It's sure going to be a great year. See you on second.

*Barron O'Rourke vs. Douglas—February 8. The O'Rourke team won by a score of 64 to 50, for their first win of the year. From the left: Oscar Asadoorian, Ernie Picard, John "Red" Orr, Jack Kelliher and Edward Bagley. Referee Luke Driscoll*

*In 1948 there were 326,700 manufacturing companies in the U.S., nearly 43 per cent more than in 1930. The country's population increased less than 20 per cent in the same period. In other words, new manufacturing companies came into being at a rate more than twice the rate of the population growth.*

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*No man really becomes a fool until he stops asking questions.*

An elderly lady driving along nonchalantly, turned a corner and ran over a teen-aged youth crossing the street. Without change of expression, the old lady pulled up on the other side of the victim, rolled down her window and called, "Young man, you'd better look out." Rising to one elbow the trembling youth exclaimed, "My gosh, lady, don't tell me you're gonna back up."

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They were single and went walking,
Looking for a shady seat;
Then she stumbled on the sidewalk,
And he murmured, "Careful, sweet."
Now with wedding bells as mem'ries,
They walk again the self-same street;
Again she stumbles on the sidewalk,
And he growls, "Pick up your feet!"

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The visiting preacher had just finished a chicken dinner. While he was looking out the window, he saw a rooster strutting about the yard.

"That's a mighty proud looking rooster," he remarked.

"Yep," said the host, "one of his sons just entered the ministry."

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A fancy dress dance was in progress and the conversation was between two women sitting in a corner.

"Mrs. Brown looks rather upset, don't you think?" asked the first.

"I should think she does," replied the other. "You see, she came as a Hawaiian beauty, with grass skirts and all—and they awarded her first prize in the humorous section as "The Old Thatched Cottage."

Sing While You Drive

At 45 miles per hour, sing "Highways Are Happy Ways."

At 55 miles per hour, sing "I'm but a Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home."

At 65 miles per hour, sing "Nearer My God to Thee."

At 75 miles per hour, sing "When the Roll Is Called up Yonder, I'll Be There."

At 85 miles per hour, sing "Lord, I'm Coming Home."

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Matilda: Did you ever try selling vacuum cleaners?

Pierre: But no.

Matilda: Then you'd better start. That's my husband coming up the walk.

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An inebriate was watching a man enter a revolving door. As the door swung around, a pretty girl stepped out. "Swell trick," he muttered, "don't shee how that guy changed his clothes so fast."

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A bright lad's definition of a skeleton: "A skeleton is a bunch of bones with all the people scraped off."

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Dickie was having his first coke. "How do you like it?" he was asked.

"It tastes like my foot's asleep," was the revealing reply.

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*Teacher:* Give me a sentence containing a direct object.

*Junior:* Teacher, you're beautiful.

*Teacher:* What's the object?

*Junior:* A good report card.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

It seems good to watch baseball scenes on TV for a change. It certainly helps a little on the morale, and although we can't forget what is going on in the world, I bet the boys in uniform are following the game just as eagerly. . . . By the way don't forget to see Ken Gauthier if you are interested in joining our softball team. Speaking of baseball, we have been informed that Bob Stewart, whose picture was in last month's SPINDLE, has been promoted to a Triple AAA League. Nice going, Bob.

Bob Ferguson picks the right trips. This time he is going to Lille, France, to the textile show being held there. From there, he heads for Austria. Nice going, Bob. . . . Herbert Bliss just returned from Switzerland. An attack of the flu, quite prevalent in Europe, at the present time, floored him for a week over there. . . . Great weather here, too. One day Mrs. Cameron, our timekeeper, is complaining about how cold her office is; on the next day she has the fan on.

Bill Crossland celebrated his 56th birthday on February 20. Bill says he has spent 30 of these years in the Spinning Department. . . . Fred White has moved into the home he purchased on Providence Road, Linwood. . . . New and old faces back on the job are Mrs. Margaret Rice, Mrs. Ellen LeDue, Louise Ooligvian, Florence Kucharski, Bill Leaver and Harold Best.

Mike Feen, foreman of the Polishing Job, was pleasantly surprised last month when his son, Sgt. M. Feen, flew up from Tyndale Air Base to pay a visit. Stationed there, Sgt. Feen has been connected with radar for the past two and a half years.

Gilbert Harwood of the Spinning-Erecting Floor was presented a check, honoring him on his retirement, January 26. Mr. Robert Wilson, representing Mr. Harwood's fellow-workers, made the presentation.

Gilbert worked for the Whitin Machine Works for 41 years and six months. He came to this country from Church, Lancashire,

*Mr. E. Kent Swift and Mr. George R. Stobbs, a partner in the law firm of Stobbs, Stockwell & Tilton of Worcester, sailed from New York January 26, aboard the "Santa Rosa" for a 12-day cruise to Caracas, Venezuela. They are shown at one of the many ports visited en route*

*Senior employee presented check on retirement. With his co-workers looking on, Gilbert Harwood, of the Spinning Floor, employed by Whitin Machine Works for 41 years, is presented with a check by Divisional Superintendent Robert Wilson, who made the presentation on behalf of Mr. Harwood's fellow workers. In the foreground on the left is Foreman Ben Scott*

*Members of the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club have elected their new officers for the year 1951. Members of the Club's Board of Directors are shown above. Front row, left to right: Robert Hoisington, chairman of the Board; William Todd, president; R. S. W. Roberts, auditor. Back row, from the left: Francis Joslin, secretary and treasurer; Paul Mintoff, fish and game chairman; Herbert Henderson, membership and entertainment chairman; Harold Ingham, house chairman; and Horace Bassett, vice-president. Included in the Club's activities for the new year are trap shooting, improvement of the fish pool, renovating the inside of the clubhouse, increasing the stocking of white hare and pheasants, improving the fishing in all local ponds, and building up a larger membership. Also under consideration is the possibility of sending two boys to a conservation camp this coming summer. The Club's next meeting will be March 29 at the RAC*

England, when he was about 22 years old. After spending three months in Norwich, Conn., he came to work at Whitin's. He started to work for Mr. John Wood on the Spoolers. When this department was broken up he was transferred to the Spinning Floor, still working on spoolers and reels.

For the last few years he has been erecting Spinning and Twister Frames.

He and his sons recently purchased their home at 63 North Main Street where he resides with Mrs. Harwood. He has four sons, Arnold and Wilfred, employed at the Whitin Spinning Ring Company; Gilbert, Jr., employed in the Whitin Machine Works; Raymond, employed by the Massachusetts Protective Association of Worcester; and a daughter, Dorothy, residing in Hopedale.

Gilbert was one always willing to help anyone, anytime, and we all are going to miss him. However, we all wish him the best of luck and many years in which to enjoy it.

## SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

*by Harold Ingham*

On a midwinter's morning, while waiting to cross the street, you find Howard Libby directing traffic, red-faced, ear-muffed, reminding you that it is cold and winter is still here. Just before the starting bell, at 6:50 a.m., Minerva, the Guards' mascot, is at the freighthouse door spitting and snarling at any canine that tries to pass. Townsfolk, keep your pets home, don't let them follow you to the shop—Minerva always wins. . . . On the way to the Paint Job familiar faces greet you here and there. Bill Tyler on 442 greets you daily, hand on switch, patiently waiting for the signal. You pass Mike Mountain with his Irish smile and who should you see next but Lena Linek, Jennie Ebbeling, Helen Lazard, and Cora Barsamian! They are all trying to get the last word in—the topic, well, that's anybody's guess. Next, you meet Deveau, the man of the hour. For years now, he's been putting on the lights, shutting them off and opening all the windows—that is, weather permitting. As usual, on the way in, you hear Henry Gaulin raving about his new Chevy and Phil Dion, our parts and process man, still worrying whether or not anyone has taken any castings off the jobs after four o'clock. After a walk through the plant, just before the paint job, you come across Peter Michalik who does nothing but talk about his tomato plants which he has started already. He believes he'll have the biggest tomatoes on the job next summer. Anyway, after a cheery hello from the boss, and the final bell, you settle down to work.

Congratulations are to be extended to brother and sister Fayard. They've just recently added another year to their ages. . . . Leo Leduc, of Department 442, has been in the hospital and is now at home convalescing. Hurry back, Leo, we miss you.

The Fish and Game Club will hold its next meeting the last Thursday in March at the RAC Club. A supper has been planned. By the way, the trout pool will be stocked by April 7. For Members Only: Hurry and get your membership buttons. A wonderful prize for the one who gets the biggest fish. . . . The last meeting went over big at the RAC Club. R. J. McConnell gave an interesting talk and Chief Cullen spoke about Civil Defense. The movies were excellent.

Cora Barsamian, our bowling champ, finished second this year. She's still talking about the strikes and spares she missed, but with the trophies and prizes she received, she should be mighty proud. Congratulations, Cora, from Department 452.

## GRINDER JOB

*by Dorothy Antoian*

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hartshorn who were married January 20. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fagnant celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on January 29. . . . Arthur Gauvin added another candle to his birthday cake on January 29. . . . Sidney Frieswyck of the night shift has been transferred and Joseph Bruneau has returned to work on the night shift. The new inspector on the day shift is Richmond "Bud" Black, an ex-Marine. . . . Thomas McNamara, Holy Cross graduate, is learning the planning system from his capable instructor, Frankie. . . . Beatrice Winchell, at this writing, is at St. Vincent's Hospital to undergo an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope that she can be back with us soon.

## FOUNDRY
*by Fred MacDonald*

Our personality for this month is Armand Houle.

Armand was born in Woonsocket 38 years ago. His family moved to Whitinsville when he was six weeks old and he has been here ever since. He went through the Northbridge

*Armand Houle*

schools and graduated from Worcester Boys Trade School in 1930. Armand has worked at Whitin Machine Works for 15 years, 13 of which have been spent in the Foundry. He is responsible for lining the cupolas preparatory to use for melting the day's heat. He is married to the former Claire Devlin and they have one daughter, Ann Marie, a student at Northbridge High School. Photography is Armand's main avocation. This is indicated by the complete darkroom in the basement of his home. Armand has been very helpful in giving this reporter a number of news-worthy items for this column.

## FREIGHT HOUSE
*by Harold Libby*

Congratulations on receiving pins this month: 5-year pin: Andrew Berube and Stephen Stanick; 10-year pin: Emill Aussant, Edward Johnston and Alfred C. Briggs. . . . Paul Oliver, James Rice, Ed Gorman, Henry Belanger, Ed Sheehan, and Roland Dunn were among those who motored to Boston for the Celtics vs. Tri-City basketball game. . . . We welcome back Howard Hawkins who has been absent because of illness. . . . A friendly "Hello" to two new members of the Repair Office—Mrs. Alice Conway and Mrs. Helen Conway. Newcomers to the Receiving Department are Al "Buddy" Banks, Eleanor Ebbeling, and Mary Haywood. . . . Welcome to Mrs. Rita Landry and Leo Bouffard who are new additions to the Freight House Office.

## LINWOOD MILL
*by Louise Sohigian*

If anyone is interested in having a game of ping-pong contact Jerry Lauzier. He was seen having a tough match with Bill Woodcock. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burroughs on their 37th wedding anniversary. . . . Congratulations, also, to Florence Gamelin who was presented her 15-year pin.

## PICKER SMALL PARTS AND DRAWING
*by Sid Miedema*

Annie Robertson has left her chair and drill press at Department 446 to be inspector in that department. Annie has been a machine operator for 12 years and we are sure that she will enjoy inspection as much. . . . We wish a speedy recovery for Albert Leduc who has been out with pneumonia and hope that he can be back by the middle of March as he plans. . . . We are happy to welcome four newcomers to the department: William Lyons, Marion Klaucinski, Joseph Gonsorcik, Reno Bigalargi. I'm sure that they will find a spirit of friendliness here.

Advice to Dave Desjardin and Roger Brissette: When you wish to bet a nickel on boxing bouts, don't leave it with Chabot. The candy machine proved too handy for him and neither of you won. . . . Ken West has received a recipe for cars that burn oil: add one box of cornstarch to five quarts of oil, shake well and then pour in crankcase, if it still smokes, add one more box of starch. . . . Never use soda bottles to pretend that they are binoculars as Ralph Field, timekeeper at 443, did recently. Ralph picked up two pop bottles, brought them to his eyes and much to his surprise they were partially filled. He certainly felt sticky! His living at the Blue Eagle made a quick change possible.

. . . Our Personality: Norman Gagnon has been with Whitin nearly four years, and hails from Woonsocket. He is a twin and up until the time his brother Paul worked with him in this department, there was much confusion as to who was who. Norman is a member of the "Air" National Guard and there he must report every Monday evening for drill and schooling. He enjoys baseball and is an infielder for the Woonsocket Mohawks of the Suburban League. He is thrilled when able to attend the Ice Hockey games in Boston when the Bruins are in town.

*Norman Gagnon*

Norman is Parts in Process man at this department but he expects to be called into active duty the early part of June, so till then he will be kept busy at his station at Department 421.

## SPINNING SMALL PARTS
*by James Buckley*

This month's personality is Housep Hagopian who has been with WMW 45 years. Joe, as he is known to his fellow-workers, was born in Turkey in 1882 and came to this country in 1906 where he resided in Whitins-

*Housep Hagopian*

ville. During his employment here he has worked on numerous jobs such as the Dip Room, Needle Job, Paint Shop, Tin Cylinder Job and Spinning Small Parts. He was married here in Whitinsville in 1914 and has five daughters, two of whom work in the Shop and one who has been in the Waves for five years. Joe's hobby is gardening and this year, since he has purchased his own home, he intends to plant a bigger and better garden than he has ever done before.

We spread the welcome mat to Harry McGownan, Arthur Clark, Jr., Patrick Walsh, John Lewandowski, Conrad Carpentier, Richard Dagon, William Rosborough, Joseph Gagnon and Donald Corbeillie. . . . Also to John Chavamella, our new time clerk, who replaces Eddie Plante who has left us to work for his father-in-law. Also, to Donald McKenzie, our new planner. . . . Zarics Forget was recently presented a 25-year pin by Messrs. Bolton, Cunningham and Pearson.

Did anyone ever change a rear wheel on a car and forget to let the jack down, and then try to drive away. Well, Marino Deshaies did the other morning and, thinking he had a broken axle, walked the remaining one-half mile to work. What a surprise he got when he found out what he forgot to do.

The softball season will be getting under way very soon, so if there is anyone in this department who wishes to sign up, get in touch with either Joe Poxon or Jim Buckley.

This column needs more news, so let's all get together and make next month's column a bigger and better one. No matter how small the information, it makes news, and news makes the column.

## WINDER JOB

*by Floyd Gudanowski*

My boy for this month is Louie Pambuku, formerly of Stockroom No. 18 and now Cpl. Louie Pambuku ER 11156505 C. Comp. 1st Brg. 6th Inf. Regt., APO 742 c/o P.M. New York, in Germany, with the Army En-

*Louis Pambuku*

gineers. He was born in Woonsocket and is a graduate of Woonsocket High, where he was a star halfback in football. His great ambition is someday to have a "Hot Rod Jalopy" capable of carrying the checkered flag around some of our better tracks. His original "Model T Ford" and then his latest creation, "The Shooting Star," still hold speed records between Woonsocket and Maple Street, Whitinsville. This is Louie's second try at Army life, as he already had spent 11 months in Korea with the occupation forces only to be recalled again just after he had enrolled at Arnold College.

The second bowling match between "The Frames" and "The Drills" was again won by the Frames by a 28-pin margin. The gap is gradually being narrowed and a much closer battle is expected next time out. Chuck Wade set the pace for the winners with a 115 high single and a 312 total. Bob Conley was high for the losers with a 281 total. Both managers are trying to acquire Evelyn Johnson for their respective teams, who appears to be just what both clubs need.

Welcome back to the Job, Oscar Ampagoomian and Oliver Baker who have been out due to illness. . . . We lay the welcome mat for three new faces—Carl Nyquist, who lives deep in the heart of Uxbridge and sits on 12 pillows so he can reach the pedals of the Studebaker truck he drives. Also to Joe Fregon who is at No. 18 Crib and Jean Jette, who hails from Millbury and is an ardent basketball fan, especially loyal to Fred's Restaurant in the Industrial League. . . . Leo Ethier is the proud owner of a new 1934 jet-powered Plymouth, which he calls "Nellie." Leo is thinking of putting wings on the car and making it fly.

## RING JOB

*by Everett A. Gaspar*

Hagop Minasian is back with us after a three-week battle with arthritis and Jennie Devlin, after a six-week absence. Glad to have you back. Chet Clark continues to be out—we hope to see him soon.

In keeping with the good idea of presenting a different personality each month, this department will follow that idea. First to be presented is Samuel McMahon of Westboro. Sam was born October 26, 1917, in North Grafton. He lived there and attended its schools, playing baseball and basketball while in school. He was president of the class of 1937 at Grafton High School. After graduation he worked for the Morgan Construction Company for three years, then

*Samuel McMahon*

served three years in the Air Force as assistant aerial engineer, much of the time overseas. In 1946 he married the former Louise Cassinari of Westboro and they have one daughter, Suzanne, who is 16 months old. In his spare time Sam still is interested in his school sports, baseball and basketball, and watches television frequently.

Two of our men are going rural in a small way—Bill Shea is raising rabbits, and Paul Dionne, chickens. If problems come up you can always get good advice from an expert—a newcomer to our department—Benoit Lavoie, of Linwood, who formerly lived on a farm in Vermont. . . . Bob Balcome is having his share of "Car-owner Blues." Besides having to work his pedal with ropes in cold weather like a puppeteer, he had a flat tire outside Milford about 1.30 a.m. one week end. . . . We have quite a few changes in Personnel—Ray Bishop has left us for other work. We all wish him luck in his new job. Arthur Thifault has gone on nights. New faces include Edmund Plasse and Joseph Cyganiewicz of Webster, Camille Jacob of Woonsocket, Benoit Lavoie of Linwood, and an ex-Ring Jobber, Bud Frieswyk. Our apologies to Mary West for not mentioning the fact that she joined our Inspection Department in September.

*Earl Hammond*

The above picture shows Earl Hammond reclining in a chair that was presented to him on Saturday night, February 3, in the Oyster Cabin, on the Quaker Highway, Uxbridge. About 60 men of the night shift gathered there to honor Earl at a chicken and turkey banquet. The red plastic chair and stool were presented to the guest of honor by the toastmaster and chairman of the committee, Harry Galloway. Others on the committee were Joe Rosol, Sam Normindin and John Boothby. Chairman Galloway fulfilled his promise to some of the boys that there would be dancing girls on the program—there were—on television. Mr. Hammond has left his job as night superintendent and is now the foreman of Internal Material Transportation.

*Ralph A. Baker, foreman of the Tool Job, was elected chairman of the Worcester Chapter, American Society of Tool Engineers last month at a dinner meeting in Worcester. Congratulations, Ralph!*

*The*
**WHITIN MALE GLEE CLUB**

will be heard over the *Providence Journal* FM radio station, WPJB, on Palm Sunday, March 18, from 8:00 to 8:55 p.m.

### SCREW MACHINE DEPARTMENT

***by Jane Ann Rondeau and Connie Campo***

We are sorry to lose Leland Watson, one of our rate setters, who was transferred to Department 418. Lee has been in our department for a long time and we will miss having him around. . . . We are losing Jane Ann Rondeau, our SPINDLE reporter, this month. Jane Ann is leaving us to take up her domestic duties. We are all sorry to lose Jane and will miss her very much. . . . We would like to welcome Jacqueline Labrecque and Susan Susienka to our department. We hope they will both like it here. . . . Connie Blouin was taken to the Klondike Inn for a turkey supper in honor of her forthcoming marriage. Everyone ate, sang, and enjoyed themselves very much. She was presented a pop-up toaster by the whole department. . . . On our sick list this month is Catherine Bangma. We hope she will be back soon.

### PURCHASE-INSPECTION, DRILLING AND JOBBING DEPARTMENTS

***by Elsie Finnema***

William Baker, 76, the oldest member of 489, is enjoying the beautiful sunshine of Tampa, Fla. Bill is visiting his son and daughter. . . . Eva Brachu is back with us once again. She had been out on sick leave. We're happy to see her. . . . Grace Belval (the girl with the sunny disposition) is out on sick leave. . . . Sadie Laferiere of Department 425 is also out ill.

Elsie Conrad and Jennie Scott, formerly of Department 489, Rose Shenian, formerly of Department 427, Stanley Ziembra, George Bond, Larry Saravian and Michael Wienshynsky are newcomers to our departments. New members in the Department are Helen Goaucher and Irene Walling. . . . Those who are having birthdays this month are Curtis Card, Jennie Scott, Mildred Benoit, Helen Lyman and Rita Vallee. Our best wishes. . . . Katharine Hughes received her 15-year pin in February. Our congratulations, Katharine. . . . Dimitry Pristawa is the proud owner of a new Studebaker. . . . We hope that Eli Mooradian will soon be back with us. She has been in the Memorial Hospital.

*Did you recognize our last mystery photo? It was Robert Smyth of the Roving Erecting Floor. The gentleman in this photograph on the right has been with the Company on the same job for 38 years. He was born in Milford and is the father of seven children*

*Girl Scout Troop 10 of Whitinsville participated in singing over the "Fairy Princess" and "Make Friends With Music" program on WTAG, January 20. Our thanks to Jewell Gaspar for these pictures of the Troop taken on Worcester Common. Top, front row, left to right: Cathy Smith, Gretchen Rawlinson, Nancy Sheldon, Linda Fryswick, Penelope Hall, Barbara Hogan, Ruth Piper, Brenda Sloan, Mary Jane Woodward, Kathleen Comeau, Ethel Applegate, Lois Barnes. Second row, left to right: Sandra Ronndy, Eileen Sullivan, Sandra Henderson, Karen Boucher, Judith Leonard, Mrs. Duhamel, leader; Jean Davidson, Patsy Lynch, Miriam Gustarson, Susan Bourier, Gail Erickson. Bottom, front row, left to right: Meryle Segal, Anne Nieadlek, Mary MacIntyre, Andrea Roy, Ruth Bousquet, Jewell Gaspar. Second row, left to right: Mrs. H. Cedric Andrews, leader; Mildred Bookman, Sandra Carpenter, Sandra Kidd, Marilyn McKee, Janet Healy, Shirley Skeary*

## MILLING JOB

*by Marie Ebbeling*

We extend a hearty welcome to the following employees of the Milling Job: Steven Kolarik, Sr., Stanley Lewandowski, Paul Joly, Milton Wilbur, Joseph Courtemanche, Delvidas Provencal, William Perry, Edward Laquerre, Richard Beaudoin, George Brinkler, Raymond St. Jean, Norman Shaw, Wilfred Corriveau, Henry Beals and Anthony Ruggiero.

Welcome back, Simone Roy, after six weeks' absence due to a motor accident. It seems nice to see your pleasant smile around the Job again. . . . We are happy to have Olivene Vallee with us after having been on sick leave for a few months. We are remembering W. J. Ratcliffe, Charles Deschamps, Richard Hyland, Olivene Petrin, Albert Destrempes and Leo Lemelin during their leave of absence and hope that they may soon be with us.

Congratulations and a happy birthday to Regina Joanis, Jose Boedo, Joseph Jacques, Lionel Laliberty, Andre Pierel, Ernest Mason, Joseph Girdouard, John Nelson, Beatrice Taylor, Albert Gagnon, Jeanine Guertin, Albert Cournoyer, Wilfred Bouchard, Marion Philbrook, Leo Cardin, Sr., Owen Flood, George LaSalle, Lucy Mooradian, Steven Kolarik, Sr., Robert Vachon, Stanley Lewandowski, John Abraham, Jessie Nobles, Marcel Beaudry, Cecile Berry, Benoit Briere, Agnes Cawley and Louis Demars.

We are all most thankful that George McKee's son, George, Jr., came safely through a very serious operation. We sincerely hope he will continue to gain in health.

Everyone was happy to see a broad smile of relief on Mrs. Ashton's face when she found her lost wallet. It contained a week's hard-earned wages.

Our best wishes for a pleasant future goes to Joost DeVries who retired from the shop after many years of faithful service. George Dawe and Pete Nash went to his new home

*Mr. and Mrs. Joost DeVries*

and presented him with a coffee table, a gift from his fellow workers. Joe and Mrs. DeVries extend an invitation to everyone to visit them at any time.

## BOLT AND PLANER JOBS

*by Ray Woodcome*

Newcomers in our departments are: Stanley Oparowski of Uxbridge who formerly was manager of the Center Hardware Store in Uxbridge; R. W. Thibeault of Woonsocket, R. I., our new trucker; John Carlson of Worcester and Gordon Shaw of Woonsocket, R. I., who have been added to the second shift as helpers. . . . Phil Brown (last month's cover boy) has left our employ to join the U. S. Army. Best of luck, Phil. . . . In Department 415, George Hanna, George Emery, and Charlie Robinson have returned to work after their brief illnesses. . . . Gaud. Bilodeau is now driving around in a 1951 Chevrolet. Also sporting a '51 Chevrolet is Roxie Asadoorian. Albert Buma, Jr. recently received his driver's license and on the same day purchased a car. . . . We are glad to have Thomas Wallace back to work with us again after his brief illness. Department 412 welcomes back Irene Hayes and Sadie Closson after their brief absences and welcomes Anita Beaumice, a new inspector from Department 405.

The personality of the month is Thomas Wallace, the oldest employee in our depart-

*Thomas Wallace*

ment. "Pop," as he is commonly called, is in his 80th year, 51 years of his time being with the Whitin Machine Works. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1871, came to this country in 1900 and married the former Anne Hamilton in 1903. He is the father of six children: Newell, assistant foreman of Department 408; Mrs. Helen Burroughs, wife of Norman Burroughs, foreman of Department 414; Mrs. Anne Yule, now residing in Brookline, Mass.; Thomas, Jr., central planner working out of Department 465; Edward, roadman for Whitin Machine Works on wool spinning; and Harold, now teaching school in Newton, Mass., and residing in Natick, Mass. Tom was recently awarded a gold watch by Mr. E. Kent Swift, for fifty years' service. He was also known for years as a special police officer during the old days when Frank Cross and John Regan were specials. His hobby is trap shooting and his other interests in the old country were bicycle riding, cattle judging, and the specializing of growing flax. He is also an ardent reader of a wide range of books and during a conversation, he is very likely to quote a bit of prose.

*There was plenty of action in the Community League basketball game between Fred's and Arakian's on February 9. The Arakian team was defeated by a score of 78 to 61. From the left: Tom Cullen, Jack Lonergan, Don Gauthier, Pete Misakian and Lou Tyler*

## TOOL JOB

*by Russell Bailey*

Did You Know: That Shorty Dion was once employed in the clown department of Hagenbeck and Wallace, a 30-car railroad show connected with the Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus. Shorty performed along with Lucky Teter, world champion Hell driver of motorcycles and cars at both the Brockton and Springfield fairs. . . . That Danny Brennan once shook hands with the notorious Al Capone. Danny was a small boy in Philadelphia then and Capone had just gained the reputation of being Peck's bad boy. . . . That Frank Di Cillo is an expert in the barbering profession. Frank learned his trade in Italy, his native land, and can cut anything from a college crew-cut to the latest male hair-do, the D.A. . . . That Johnny Cencak has worked 15 consecutive years on the night shift in the plant. These years include the Bolster Job, the Torpedo Job during the last war and the Tool Job where Johnny is presently working. Incidentally, Johnny is a bachelor. . . . That George Jones chewed about 350 packages of gum last year during working hours. This is an average of four and a half sticks per day. George says it helps to keep him relaxed. George will take over this column next month so let's all think a bit and help our reporter produce an interesting representation of the Tool Job.

## STOCK ROOM

*by John Mahoney*

New 1951 cars have definitely made their appearances in our department. Clausie Van Dyke is sporting around in a 1951 blue Ford. Ownie Dalton has purchased a 1951 Ford also; Marguerite Londergan traded in

her Chrysler for a 1950 Dodge. Maggie can never be found home these days. Now that she has obtained her license and a car, she can be seen exploring all the side roads in the Blackstone Valley area.

Leo Levesque has left our department to accept a new position in Canada. We all hope your new work will prove promising, Leo. Frank Widor, a newcomer from Woonsocket, has taken over as a time clerk to replace Leo. . . . Joseph Susienka, a fine lad from East Douglas, has been transferred from Department 414 to 406. Joe is a 406 expeditor now. A cordial greeting is extended to you, Joe.

## ROLL JOB

*by Cesag Onanian*

The personality of the month is Joseph Dumais who was born in Linwood on October 16, 1891; he's lived in Linwood all of his

*Joseph Dumais*

life. His first job was at the Linwood Mill at the age of 14. He worked there two months and started on the Roll Job in May of 1905 under Lloyd Smith and he's been on the Job ever since. His first job was filing flutes as it was the custom to put all the young fellows on the filing machines. He then worked on all the operations a roll went through. He did repair work for awhile and also was a set-up man. He was on the road at different mills, repairing rolls. At the present time he is in charge of all the repairs that are done on the Job. In his 46 years he has worked under five foremen. During World War I he saw service with the Field Artillery and also was in the Army of Occupation in Germany for seven months. He was married in Linwood in 1920 and is the father of one son and three daughters. Joe's hobbies are gardening and sports. He'd go to a baseball or hockey game anytime for these are his favorites. He's very helpful and anytime that anyone needs help on any kind of roll, all you have to do is to see Joe.

Jacob Sohigian was in Worcester one Saturday recently. He put down a pair of shoes which he had just purchased, to pay for something else and someone just walked off with the shoes . . . . There were quite a few out during the month because of illness. We are glad to see the ones who are back and wish the ones who are still out a speedy recovery.

## ROVING SMALL PARTS, FLYER JOB AND ERECTING

*by Marcel Lustenburger*

New members of the department include Leo Bousquet of Whitinsville and Walter Wallas and Ed Frappier of Woonsocket. In the office, Mary Nelson of East Douglas and Arthur Shevchenko of Shrewsbury replace Jack and Rose.

Birthdays observed from February 15 to March 15 include Shirley Kennedy, February 19; Eugene Champany, February 19; Dean Perkins, February 25; George Durant, February 28; George Vear, March 1; Henry Harper, March 2; Fred Muse, March 3; Joe Basho, March 6; James Condon, March 7; Bill Fitzpatrick, March 11; Al Cartier, March 12; Wilfred Riel, March 15.

Our personality for the month is Robert Smyth. Bob was born in Lisburn, Ireland, May 15, 1884, and came to the United States when he was 23. He settled in Worcester where he worked three years before coming to Whitinsville in 1910. He lived at the Blue Eagle and worked four years in the Spinning Job before he transferred to Roving Erecting where he has been ever since. He married Minnie Cochrane in 1917. They have one daughter. Bob's hobby is working around flowers.

*Robert Smyth*

Martin Lund's wife boiled two eggs for his breakfast the other morning. Martin only ate one, the other was laid aside. Nothing more was thought of the egg until Romeo Gauthier, who buys eggs from Martin, demanded an explanation on why there was a hard-boiled egg in the box he had bought.

## CARDS—SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

*by Millie Turgeon*

The past month has been rather rough on our department with sick leaves. Our stock clerk, Rita Deome, has been out for a couple of weeks with a virus infection but is now back with us in the pink of condition. Shadow Beauregarde was out a little over a week, Glenn Leveille was out a week, both due to severe colds; this reporter was out a little over two weeks with bronchitis and John Bogie, Sr., has been out going into his third week, at this writing.

Stanley Ziemba, Jr., our former central planner, has left us to begin the central planning system in Department 489. . . . We introduce Joseph Tero who is replacing Stan as our central planner. Joe hails from Franklin and has been in the shop only a very short while. He comes to us from Department 421. . . . One day, not too long ago, Emil Latour's car wouldn't start after work. Henry Beaudoin, always ready with a helping hand, said he would tow him. They hooked a chain to the bumpers. Henry started off, but alone. Emil remained where he was stuck with the addition of one chain and one (Henry's) rear bumper.

Our Benefit Club held its annual election of officers, February 19, with the following officers elected: Millie Turgeon, president; Chewie Lucier, vice-president; Rita Deome, secretary; Jennie Saunders, treasurer; Jack Fitzgerald and Roland Graves, trustees.

Birthday greetings are extended to Babe Poudrier whose birthday falls on March 18; to Joe Scott, March 19; to Chewie Lucier, March 23. Happy birthday, fellows. . . . Oh, yes! Babe Poudrier's dog recently had a birthday celebration, too. Babe was telling his children one day that the dog would be one year old "tomorrow" so the kiddies wanted to know if they could have a party for the dog. To humor them, Babe said, "sure, sure," thinking they would forget by the next day. Do you think they forgot? You're so right! Everybody, dog and all, had cake and ice cream.

## COMBER JOB

*by Hector Chase*

William Cassidy of Crib 13 Comber Job left us to join Uncle Sam's services. We wish the best of luck and health to Bill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Blouin of High Street are sporting around in a new Chevrolet. Robert, the son, does not like this fair weather car. Rain and snow will find the new car in the garage. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haagsma have purchased a six-tenement house on North Main Street, Whitinsville.

On March 5 Henry Graves became 75 years young. On March 13 he celebrated his 58th year with WMW. The best of health to you, Hank, from all the gang. . . . Birthdays are also being celebrated this month by Mary Asadoorian, Jennie Rauth, Doc Vasile, Joseph Limanek, Joe Consoletti, Richard Ramsbotton, Joseph Swiscz and Mitcheel Kroll. Happy birthday to you all.

# DON'T FORGET!

## The 1951 Red Cross Drive Is On!

The need is greater this year both at home and overseas.

The Northbridge Town quota is $8,800. Let's put it across—we can if everyone will do his share.

*It's a worthy cause—let's make a worthy effort!*

### MAIN OFFICE

*by Alice M. Ferguson and Thelma Vandersea*

Jesse Deacon has left us to be a traveling salesman for Friden Calculator. After two weeks of schooling he will work out of the Providence Office. A party was given him in Tom Driscoll's office and he was presented a traveling alarm clock. The girls wish to say that they miss you very much, Jesse. . . . Louis Chabot, Jr., a newcomer to our big family, is working with Leonard White in the Purchasing Department. Louis was formerly with the Production Department. . . . Marilyn Rollins is working in the Payroll Department. She has replaced Yvonne Bogie who has been out ill for quite some time. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Yvonne, and hope you will soon be back with us.

Virginia Burke, formerly with Parker & Milton of Worcester, is now working for Jim Robertson. . . . We will no longer hear the cheery "hello's" and "line is busy" now that we have the dial system. We will all miss the telephone operators although they are still with us. . . . We recently received a very enjoyable letter from Lewie Burns who is stationed out in San Diego, Calif. He tells us that he is with an Air Group which is preparing for Aircraft Carrier Duty in the Pacific. Lewie's address is:

Mr. Lewis M. Burns ADE3, 203-71-18
Atakron 55 (VA55)
Naval Air Station
San Diego, Calif.

### PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

*by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin*

During the past month, many changes have taken place in the Production Office, among them being the moving of Allan McCrea's subcontract crew, which includes Bob Marshall, Dot Nolet, Ida Krull, and Alice Der Torosian, into their new quarters in the old Spindle Office and Apprentice Room. Adam Davidson has left us to work in the Repair Department and has been replaced by Frank Norris. Central Planner Dick Pierson is no longer with us and his departments have been taken over by Tad Wallace who has turned his departments over to George Lennox who comes into Central Planning from Job Planning at Department 429. Shirley Lightbown also has left to go to the Repair Department, her replacement being Cora Grescian.

St. Valentine's Day brought a few interesting items that we would like to pass along. First, Pat Vipraio, whose birthday falls on this occasion, was the proud daddy of a daughter born the day before. Then our own "Gummy" Montgomery was surprised during the noon hour, as the girls knew his 71st birthday was coming so they baked a cake. Gummy also received a few packs of his favorite stogies which pleased our retired diamond arbiter no end. Ernie Hippert did a good job of screening while Gummy looked over the cigars, and Ex Esegian lifted the cake and placed it on F.O.'s desk. When F.O. came in, he lit the candles and brought the cake back to Gummy who proceeded to blow them out much to the enjoyment of the whole office. To Pat and Gummy, we all wish you both many more years of health and happiness.

"Lefty" and Doris Kelliher with some friends went to Providence for an evening's entertainment on Saturday, February 3. Returning home, the car conked out somewhere in the wilds of Slatersville at a time when the snow and wind were playing nasty tricks. Bill and Vera Taylor were following Lefty and stopped to assist him. They tried pushing, but still Lefty's motor refused to budge, so they parked it off the road and came home with Bill. The following morning, Lefty and Bill returned to the scene with snow shovels and dug the car out, but still couldn't get it started. They returned home again to go back in the afternoon, this time with Weyman (Standard Parts) Plante in the party. Weyman opened the hood, found a loose spark plug, tightened same and all was well again. Maybe being in that section, Lefty should have gone to Juilliard for a mechanic.

Two members of No. 5 Crib have left us for the Armed Forces, they are Eugene Pierce and Bill Mulligan—our wishes for a safe tour of duty go with them.

*Robert Stairs, Aviation Boatswain's Mate Third Class, United States Navy, commended for his outstanding performance of duty during the operations of the "USS Sicily" against the North Korean Forces, between August 3, 1950 and January 7, 1951*

ROBERT JOHN STAIRS, son of Kenneth Stairs, sign painter in Department 469, has been with the Navy for nearly three years. During that time he has visited Greece, Italy, and France. In May of 1950, he left for the West Coast where he was assigned to an escort carrier, the *USS Sicily*. This is the first time that the *Sicily* has returned to home port since it set sail for Korea on July 4, 1950. Bob recently received a commendation from the U. S. Navy for outstanding performance of duty during the operations against North Korean forces. The commendation reads in part as follows:

"Your continuous energy, devotion to duty, judgment and initiative were an inspiration to the plane handling crews who served with you and were of invaluable assistance to the ship's flight deck officer. Under your direct supervision, and as a result of your untiring efforts, a well organized and efficient plane handling crew was formed, materially affecting the excellent safety record achieved under the heavy combat operating conditions, which contributed in a large measure to the success of the ship's combat mission.

Your conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

*At a dinner on January 31 at the Uxbridge Inn, Northbridge Chamber of Commerce President Kevin R. Sherin presented a check for $2,200 to Sydney R. Mason, chairman of the Whitinsville Hospital directors. This check covered donations made by merchants in connection with "Five Per Cent Hospital Day." From left: Andrew Rienstra, Chamber secretary; Kevin R. Sherin, Chamber president; Mr. Mason, and Thomas A. Crawford, hospital treasurer*

## BOX JOB

***by Bernice Asdikian***

Fred Pope, our timekeeper, has been transferred to the Bolster Job and Terry Merolli, our former office clerk, is back again with us in the office. She now has a 16-month-old daughter named Terry Ann. . . . We want to congratulate Ralph Nolet and Benny Oles on receiving their 10-year pins this month. They were presented to them by Mr. J. C. Rankine on February 9. . . . Al Kapolka is our latest television fan on the Job. However, he would like to know just where he could get a good secondhand windshield wiper to remove all that snow from his television set. Billy O'Brien told him that it would be just the thing for it. If anyone hears of one for sale please contact Al.

We want to wish Bernice Asdikian a speedy recovery. She has been out sick now for over a week and we hope that she will soon be well enough to come back on the Job. Hurry back, Bernice, we all miss you.

*Who is it?*

This young fellow has been with WMW almost 12 years. He is presently employed on the Box Job. Can you guess who he is? William O'Brien, of course.

## CORE ROOM

***by Francis Shugrue***

James (Jimmy) Benjamin was born in Uxbridge, April 15, 1907. He came to work in the Core Room in May, 1943. Before this, he had worked in Brady's Mill in Uxbridge. Jimmy is our oventender. His job is to be

*James Benjamin*

sure that all cores are baked properly. He has five core ovens at his disposal. Three of these ovens are modern and are oil-fired and are electrically controlled. The other oven is made of brick and is of an earlier design. It is actually two ovens joined together to form one unit. This oven is run by oil and air which has to be adjusted several times during the day in order to keep a proper heating or baking temperature. Jim bakes on an average of 36,000 cores a day. He is married, has a daughter, Phyllis. He and his family make their home in Linwood.

Varkis Asadoorian has purchased a two-family house on the Plummer end of Church Street. . . . Larry Maloney is trying to start a new fad in the room. Larry was seen wearing, oneday, a green sock on one foot and a red one on the other. . . . Omer Parent was presented his 15-year pin by Raymond Meader, superintendent of the Foundry. Joseph Lucier also received his 10-year pin. . . . Birthday greetings to Mary Pechulis of the Core Room. . . . New people working in the Foundry Production Office are Melvin Henry and Lillian Mathurin.

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

***by Bill Scanlon***

Allen McCrea, after two years in Canada and the States, has returned to Charlie Commons' department. The boys are glad to see him back. Allen had many interesting tales to tell about horses and the way he took care of them for racing.

Joe Pendagast, foreman of the garage, has moved to Whitinsville. Joe recently gave Archie Boliver some bees and the interesting story about this is that when Joe was driving the bees over to Archie's, he made a sharp turn and the beehive turned over. Owing to the cold day, the bees didn't stay out long—they returned to the hive in fast order (and we hope that they lived happily ever after).

Erle Simmons, yard foreman, is sporting a new Studebaker club coupe. There are plenty of windows in it and if he can't afford the gas he can always use it for planting vegetables—it would make an ideal hothouse. . . . Walter Shugrue is back on the job after a short illness. Aubrey Hamilton is up at the Memorial Hospital for a check-up. At this writing, Eddie Connors of the Garage Department, has been convalescing. Hurry back, we miss you. . . . We are happy to think that we have so many admirers. Albert Ducharme, Pat Convent, Eddie Connors all were displaying their pretty valentines on February 14. It's nice to be so popular.

*Cpl. Edward Valis, formerly of the Parkerizing Job and now with the First Marine Corps, reports to his mother in a recent letter that he is safe after the evacuation from Hungnam. He further reported that he was in the vicinity of Pusan and was among those who were encircled by Chinese Reds in the November drive. Ed enlisted in the Marines in July, 1947*

*William Skillen*

## MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

***by R. W. Yeo***

Personality of the Month—William Skillen. . . . Bill lives at 35 Granite Street in Whitinsville and has been with WMW for 36 years. He is married and has two children, a son, Phil, who works on the Tool Job, and a daughter, Beth. Both are married, and Beth has one youngster making Bill eligible for the "Grandpa Class." Bill served with the Armed Forces during World War I, and in World War II did war work on the Magneto Job. Before coming to the Master List Department in 1944, Bill had worked as assistant foreman on the following jobs: The Flyer Job (two years), Department 429 (18 years), and Magneto Coils (two years). Bill's present job is specification analyst on "F2" Spinning. Bill is known by his fellow employees to be a conscientious worker and a very likeable fellow.

A new business concern has been established in the New Village (near the Star Theatre) by our own enterprising Roy Burroughs. . . . We welcome two young ladies to the department—Eleanor Colonero of East Douglas and Claire Baillargeon of Whitinsville. . . . Jane Longmuir, who formerly lived in New Village, now resides in North Uxbridge with her son, David.

John Larsen, recent bridegroom, received his five-year pin in January. John previously worked in Department 429 and Methods before coming to the assembly group in Master List Department. . . . Our latest granddad is R. K. Brown, II, whose daughter, Pauline, gave birth to a son, Robert Lewis Kimball in the Richardson Lying-in Hospital, Boston, Mass., on January 28, 1951.

Jim Davidson, Jr., a proud father he
Of son Jim, the third, a busy basketball bee.
Star of the Rams' hoop team
He couldn't help but be on the beam.
Against Holliston, 62 points did he score
Single-handed, he drove the opponents into the floor.

## WORKS ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

***by Oscar Erickson***

The members of the "Friendship Fund" elected the following officers for the coming year: Paul Drolet, chairman; Mary Gibbons, secretary-treasurer; Helen Sitnik, Cleveland Reynolds and Lionel Lahousse who are serving as the Board of Directors. . . . We are glad to see Helen Sitnik back with us; she has been out several weeks due to a concussion resulting from a fall on the ice. . . . Birthday greetings to the following who were born in March—Philip Johnson, Louis Austin, Louise Wade and yours truly.

At the recent Payroll Computation election of officers for the "Wishing Well Fund," Raymond Tancrell was elected president; Virginia Wood, vice-president; Arlene Bruso, secretary; Phyllis McQuilken, treasurer; George Kane, auditor; Annie Plantenga, Isabel Kasparian and Connie Deslauriers, all members of the Gift Committee; Betty Riemski, Lorna Abramek, Edith Allen, Edith Cornforth and John Shaw, members of the Entertainment Committee.

Audrey Todd has been seriously ill for some time and we hope that her recovery is permanent. . . . We are glad to have Frances Cooney back with us again. She has been on a leave of absence. . . . Fred Garcelon of Payroll Computation has birthday congratulations due him. . . . Aileen Morin of the Tabulating Department reports that on the recent trip to visit her parents in New York State they had two flat tires on the way back and finally ended up by buying a new tire.

We welcome Mrs. Helen Ouillette of Douglas to the Budget group. . . . The Cost Department now has two politicians in its midst: Felix Richard is now on the Planning Board of the town of Grafton and Kenneth Maynard is running for the office of Tax Assessor of the town of Grafton.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

***by Jean Cunningham***

Helen Altoonian went to Worcester for an outing with a group of girls a few weeks ago. When they decided to leave for home all the busses had left, so a friend decided to pile them all in his car. They started for Whitinsville when a loud whistle stopped them. Right on Main Street a policeman came over and looked the situation over and decided there were too many in the car so they were out of luck again. But that didn't stop Helen and her friends. They took a taxi home.

Bob Bosma has left us to join Arno Wagner's men across the hall. Good luck, Bob. . . . Birthdays this month are plentiful. Congratulations to Robert Bosma, Ethel Cahill, Donald Lange, and Charlie Walker. Each day, each month, each year we all get a little older. Many happy returns to all of you, though. . . . George Bickford, our skiing champ, who didn't get much chance at the sport this year, decided to go to Vermont with his wife and take advantage of one lone week end. They had a very nice time.

Ralph Kindler came to work one morning recently with his left hand all bandaged. Of course everyone wanted to know what he had done. Poor Ralph. He lit a match and the entire book of matches burst into flames.

The Mateer brothers seem to be having quite a little difficulty lately. Sam went to Belchertown to hunt a great big deer. Results—Sam found an awful lot of water and ended up with a bad cold. His brother Charlie went to Providence to meet his daughter who was arriving by plane. The night was very stormy and Charlie had a very hard time. He couldn't see very well, it seems, because he landed in New Bedford. Take a compass next time, Charlie.

*While cleaning up brush around the Meadow View Gun Club, Lem Carlson, our outdoor man, ventured too far afield and fell through the ice on the Meadow Pond. Said Lem, "The only time I want to see ice again is when it's in a glass"*

The department's bowling league had a banquet at the Colonial Club and it was a success. Archie Misakian who was absent because of illness, was greatly missed. . . . Lou Armitage's husband, who is with the Wheelwrights, received his diploma in draftsmanship after being in this country only two years and five months. This is the third of its kind he has received although the other two were received in England. We wish both Lou and her husband many happy years ahead in their chosen land.

## REPAIR DEPARTMENT

***by Mame Britton and Charles Polucha***

As our department continues to expand, more new faces appear. We wish to welcome Roberta Wallace, who unobtrusively has taken her place as one of our efficient typists. Three other young ladies (all typists) are in our department. They have all worked here previously and are now hard at work downstairs, as we have exhausted all available space in the department proper. We'll now acquaint you with their names: Helen Ferguson, Sadie Gonynor, and Mary Mooradian. . . . We understand that our Fayscott luminary, Robert Meader, is doing some cement work in his cellar. His father bequeathed him a couple of bags of cement which had been stored in the garage. Bob's only problem now is: Is it possible to deharden cement? It would be much cheaper to buy two more bags, Bob.

The dial system of phones seems to have gone over with great success. One of the boys on the first morning of operation, took up the receiver, and not having seen the

nstruction and phone book, thought he was getting a Bronx cheer. Maybe they'll have a dial system in Millville some day. . . . Latest word from Margaret K. Morrissey is that she is feeling just fine, and though she will be out for at least a month longer, she wishes that Orrin would send her a typewriter so that she could do some of her work which she knows must be piling up. We'll try to do our best 'til she comes back. . . . Janet Pieleski dropped us a line some time ago and is looking forward to seeing us again. . . . Two of our male stalwarts, Henry Thomas and Tom Crawford, are looking apprehensive these days and both for different reasons. Tom has heard about the lady selectman in Millbury and is afraid that his days are numbered. Henry is afraid that all the fish have frozen to death in some of our better-known fishing spots. Maybe you have lost your touch, or else the fish are bashful. . . . Lucille Buma and Charles Noble celebrated birthdays on St. Valentine's Day. Many happy returns. . . . St. Valentine's Day was a day of merriment and chagrin for the members of our department. The people who were remembered by their friends were happy, and the others were disappointed. A little bird (don't say vulture, Ray) left some comic valentines on a few of the desks during noontime, and weren't some of our friends surprised! Our vigilantes have the noose ready, should the culprit be located.

## Births

To Rene Morrissette, Department 453, and Mrs. Morrissette, a baby girl.

To Henry Bailey, of the Main Office, and Mrs. Bailey, a daughter, Martha Snow, born January 11.

To Joseph Monfreda, of the Winder Job, and Mrs. Monfreda, a son, Gary, born February 17.

To William Baird, of Payroll Computation, and Mrs. Baird, a daughter, Linda Louise, at the Whitinsville Hospital, February 17.

To Edward Rice, Department 465, and Mrs. Rice, a daughter, born December 26.

To Leo Palmari, foreman of Department 406, and Mrs. Palmari, a daughter, Ann Evelyn, born February 4.

To Victor Marin, of Department 446, Inspection, and Mrs. Maxine Marin, a son, Ronald David, born February 11.

To Ray Gautreau, of Department 440, and Mrs. Gautreau, a son, born January 24.

To Alfred Emond, of Department 440, and Mrs. Emond, a son, born January 30.

To Alfred Guilbault, of Department 416, and Mrs. Guilbault, a daughter, Lorraine June.

To Francis Ferguson, of Department 416, and Mrs. Ferguson, a daughter, Brenda Jane.

To Armand Legare, of Department 416, and Mrs. Legare, a son, Raymond Leo.

To John Stefancyk, of Card Erecting, and Mrs. Stefancyk, a daughter.

To Albert Almon, of Department 448, and Mrs. Almon, a daughter, born February 15.

To Ernest Boudreau, of Mr. Walker's office, and Mrs. Boudreau, a daughter, Judith, born on February 8.

To Ed Jones, of Department 440, and Mrs. Jones, a daughter, Linda Pauline, born February 7.

## Marriages and Engagements

Charles Dean, of the Upper Yard, was married to Madeline Powers in St. Augustine's Church, Millville, January 22.

Dorothy Hayes of the Printing Department was married to Donald Forgit, Department 411, February 17, in St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville.

*Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Merchant who were married recently. Mrs. Merchant is the former Harriet Appelloff, daughter of Helding Appelloff of the Foundry night crew. Raymond is the son of Fred Merchant, Foundry Bench Molder*

Congratulations to Katie Gardner and Elwin Smith, both of Department 416, on their engagement.

Gloria Clarke, Main Office, engaged to Carlton Marshall of Department 406.

Constance Blouin, Department 411, was married to Anthony Campo, Jr., Department 450, on February 3, at St. Patrick's Church.

Miss Janet Ethier, of the Repair Shipping Office, has become engaged to John McCabe, formerly of the Shipping Department.

Patricia Benjamin, of the Production Department, recently became engaged to Robert Courtemanche of the Engineering Department.

Corice Williams, of the Subcontract Division, is engaged to PFC Joseph Swart, now stationed at Wichita Falls, Texas.

## Obituaries

John Veau, 81, died January 28. He was a resident of Whitinsville for 75 years; he had been employed as a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works before his retirement. We extend our condolences to his relatives.

J. Albert Kidd, 69, a lifelong resident of Whitinsville, died at his home, February 18. He had been with the Whitin Machine Works since 1899 and in recent years had served as a supervisor in the company's drawing division. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

John W. Crabtree, 64, died January 24. He was employed by the Whitin Machine Works for 40 years. Our condolences are extended to his relatives.

William John McSheehy, 89, a resident of this community for 79 years, died on January 26. He was a machinist at the Whitin Machine Works for more than 52 years prior to his retirement in 1930. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

Fred Dion, of Linwood, died at the Whitinsville Hospital, Tuesday, February 6. He was a steam locomotive crane operator. He worked in the Upper Yard for a total of 30 years. Our condolences are extended to his family.

The members of the Methods Department express sympathy to Shirley Noble and her family on the death of her grandmother, and also to Virginia Kenyon and family on the death of her grandmother.

Condolences to Mrs. Frank Saucier on the death of her husband. He was last employed on the Polishing Job.

The members of the Roll Job extend their sympathy to Blanche Houghton who lost her father recently.

Expressions of deepest sympathy from the members of Department 422 are extended to Emil Latour on the loss of his father, Charles Latour of Webster, who passed away January 22.

The Bolt Job extends its sympathy to Joseph Leveille on the death of his father, Fred Leveille, who died on February 16.

The Planer Job extends its sympathy to Camille Bellerose on the death of his mother who died January 20.

Paul F. Wheeler, 71, mechanic at the Whitin Machine Works for the past 45 years, died February 21 in the Whitinsville Hospital. We extend our condolences to the members of his family.

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I FORGOT TO STOP THE MACHINE

IT LOOKED SAFE

I DID'NT REPLACE THE GUARD

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# THE WHITIN Spindle

April, 1951

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Supervisor of Experimental
Winder Shop

# Whitin Research and Development Division Greatly Expanded and in New Quarters

By John R. Sanderson

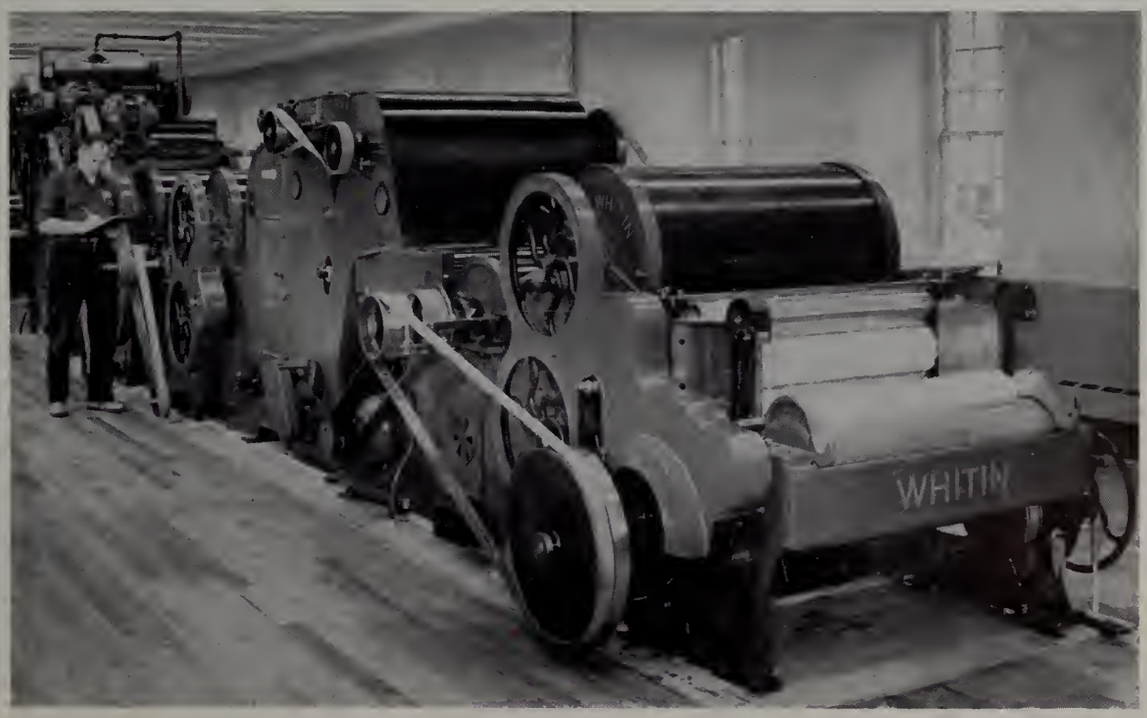
With the consolidation of all the Whitin Research, Experimental, Development and Textile Laboratory Testing Divisions in one large, separate, completely equipped building, the Whitin Machine Works has created what is probably the finest research laboratory in the world for the scientific study of fiber processing on preparatory machinery. At the official opening of the building on April 16–18, 1951, more than 50 complete machines will be on display and in operation.

All of the experimental, research, and development departments now housed together have been in existence for many years, some going back to the very first years of the Shop's existence in the 1830's. From these departments have come new processes and techniques, machines, models and devices in steady and rapid procession for over 119 years. Previously these several departments were formerly located in several places in the office and plant buildings. Bringing them all together in one large building with ample space and equipment provides the opportunity for increasing the efficiency and greatly enlarging the scope of operations of the Research and Development Division.

One of the major difficulties encountered in textile research arises out of the nature of the machines themselves. They require a large amount of space and a very large number of different machines are needed for the various processes. Different types are required for each fiber, and last, but not least, a heavy investment in capital is required just to supply even a few of them. There are mills in the country that use less machinery in the whole mill than is necessary to equip this new Research and Development Division.

### Entire Building Occupied

The new Research and Development Division is housed in a four-story granite building that was built in the 1840's and operated by the Whitinsville Cotton Mills and lying on the north bank of the Mumford River, just below the main plant. The building was entirely renovated, and interiors attractively redecorated. The most modern humidity and temperature controls were installed, as well as complete power and other utilities for operating the textile machinery, engineering experimental workshops, and laboratories.




*One-Process Cotton Picker showing lap being formed at front end of machine. Operator John Hapworth is shown checking speeds*

## POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE OPENING

1. The opening is intended for employees only.
2. If possible, attend the night indicated on your ticket.
3. Tickets should be presented at entrance door.
4. Refreshments will be served at the end of your tour.

NOTE: The size and arrangement of the building and of the machinery, compels us to limit the number of visitors to the show. It is with sincere regret, therefore, that the opportunity to visit the show, must be restricted to Whitin employees.

Approximately 12,000 square feet of floor area on the first floor and a similar space on the second floor are required for the textile machines that will be used for demonstration and testing. The reception area, conference rooms, and one of the testing laboratories are also located on the second floor.

The third floor contains the engineering and other offices as well as the Development Engineering Department, and specialized research areas. One large area is devoted to a complete machine shop equipped with modern machine tools for making adjustments or changes needed quickly, or for making small experimental parts. For making large or more complicated parts, the facilities of the main plant are available.

### Extensive Display of Machinery

The display of over 50 of our latest model textile machines covering all processes from opening through winding and knitting is one of the most important features of the Research and Development Division. Mill men and customers interested in the performance of Whitin machinery will have the unusual opportunity of examining a fully equipped machine, running on the type of fiber in which they are interested. It would be possible for a customer to follow the processing of a given type of fiber, cotton for example, from opening through picking, carding, drawing, roving, combing, spinning, and twisting, and at any point in the process to know from detailed and complete laboratory analysis the quality of the product as it progressed from raw stock to yarn.

The same machinery will also be used by the personnel of the department to run sample lots for research, development, and testing purposes.

The display of machinery located on the first two floors is as follows.

On the first floor the machinery consists of a 3-Cylinder Card Set, and a Wool Spinning frame. There is also a complete line of Opening equipment connected with a One-Process Picker. In addition there are several miscellaneous machines including Flat Cards, Tricot Knitting machine and Schweiter Winders.

The second floor equipment is comprised of Combing, Drawing, Roving, Spinning and Twisting machines, as well as a display of repair parts. The fiber testing laboratory is also located on the second floor.

In the laboratories where all the testing of fibers and yarns will be done, the latest types of equipment has been installed, including many kinds of scales, recorders, conditioning equipment, microscopes, and highly specialized textile instruments, such as the Zellweger Uster Tester, Integrator, and Recorder.

### Routing

On pages 8 and 9, we have shown diagrams of the floor plan layout of the mill with the various machines clearly identified by number and listing. Due to the construction of the building and the placement of the equipment, it has not been possible to set up a routing that would follow closely the actual sequence of manufacturing operations as they might be set up in an actual mill. While space does not permit a full description of all the processes of manufacturing all the different fibers we are giving you herewith a very brief outline of the normal sequence of processes of the manufacture of cotton yarns.

1. *Blending and Opening.* In the first process, cotton from several bales passes through several machine units in which the fibers are mixed evenly together, the larger dirt particles such as twigs, leaves, and trash removed, and the lumps of cotton broken up. The cotton is sucked through a pipe to the Picker.

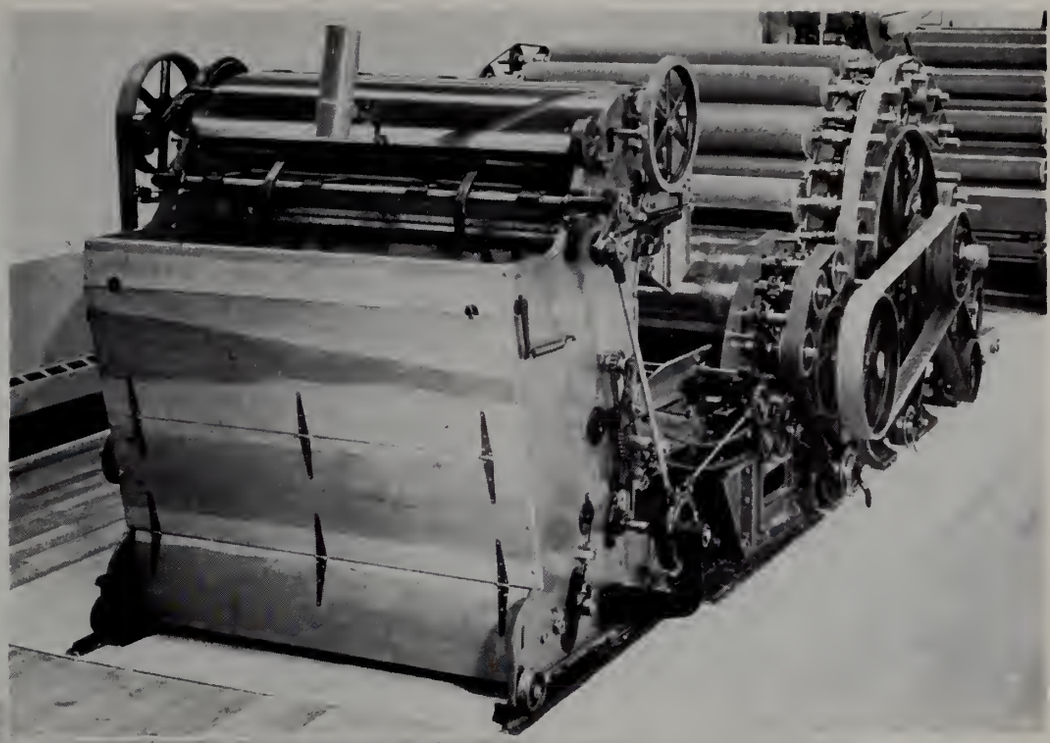
2. *Picking.* In the Picker, the cotton is subjected to a very thorough cleaning action to remove smaller dirt, dust, and lint, and the process of separating the fibers from each other is continued. The cotton emerges from the Picker in the shape of a long, fairly thick sheet. This is wound into a large roll weighing about 50 pounds, called a lap.

3. *Carding.* The laps from the Picker are mounted on the back of the Card, and the sheet of cotton unwinds slowly as the cotton is drawn into the card by long rolls. The card has many hundred thousand fine teeth which "comb" the cotton to remove very short fibers, remove more dirt, and begin the process of straightening the fibers out so that they lie parallel to each other. The cotton comes out of the card in the form of a very thin delicate sheet, which is drawn through a small hole, so that the cotton now looks like a thick white rope, called sliver (pronounced sly'ver), and deposited in a tall can.

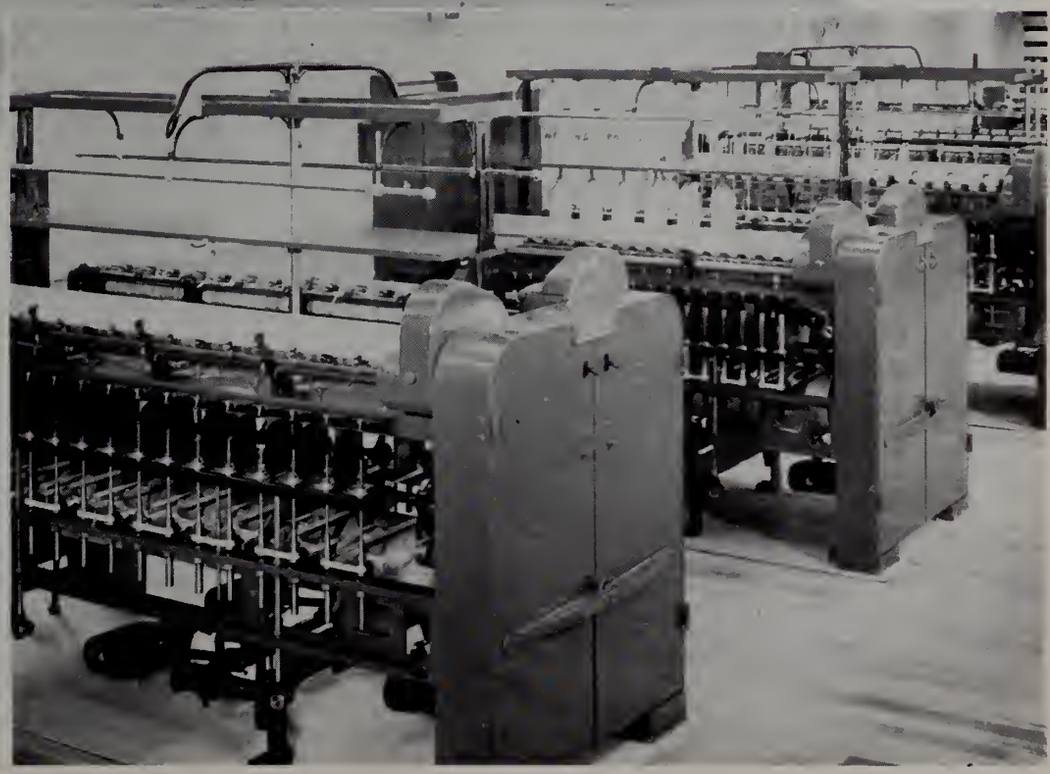
4. *Lapping and Combing.* To make very high quality cotton threads like those that are used in percales and fine broadcloths, the cotton must be combed very carefully to remove all of the shorter fibers and leave only the long, strong fibers to be spun.

Before the cotton can be put into the comber, it is necessary to put the sliver back into a special kind of a lap again. This is done on two machines: the Sliver Lapper and the Ribbon Lapper.

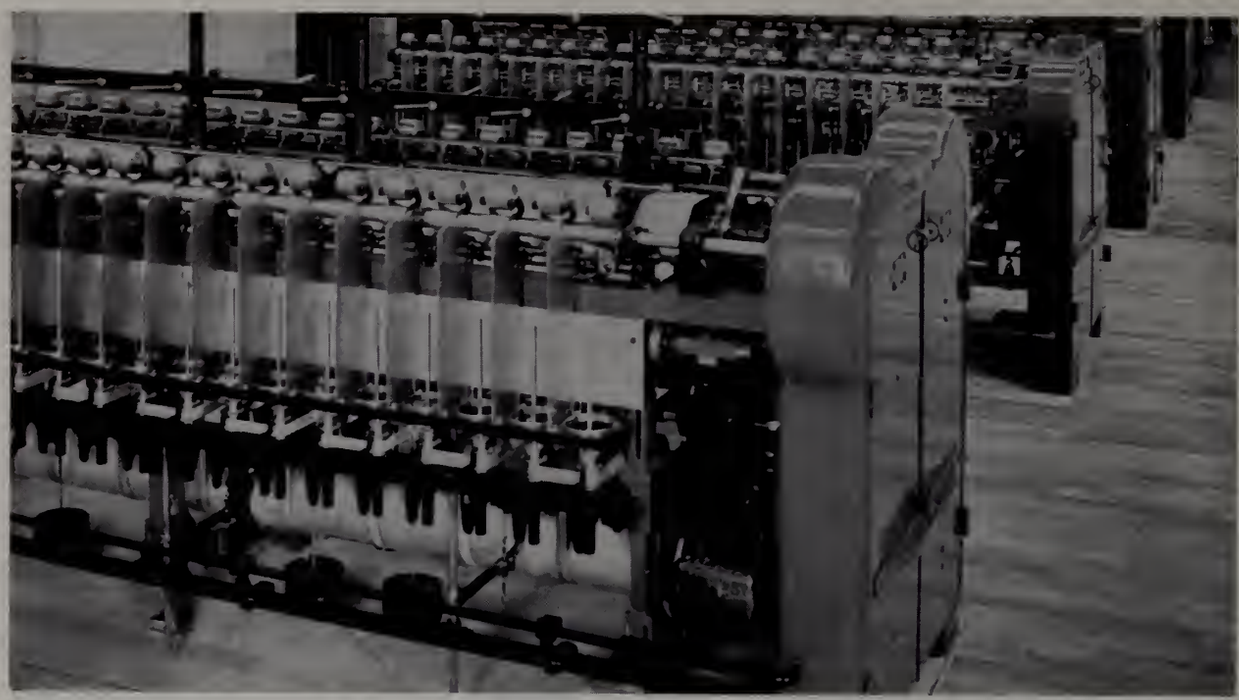
*Right: Model "G" 3-Cylinder Woolen Card set on display on first floor showing automatic card feed and first breaker only*



*Center: In this area there are seven Roving frames, each designed to handle a particular type of fiber, and several Drawing frames for processing worsted, cotton and synthetics*



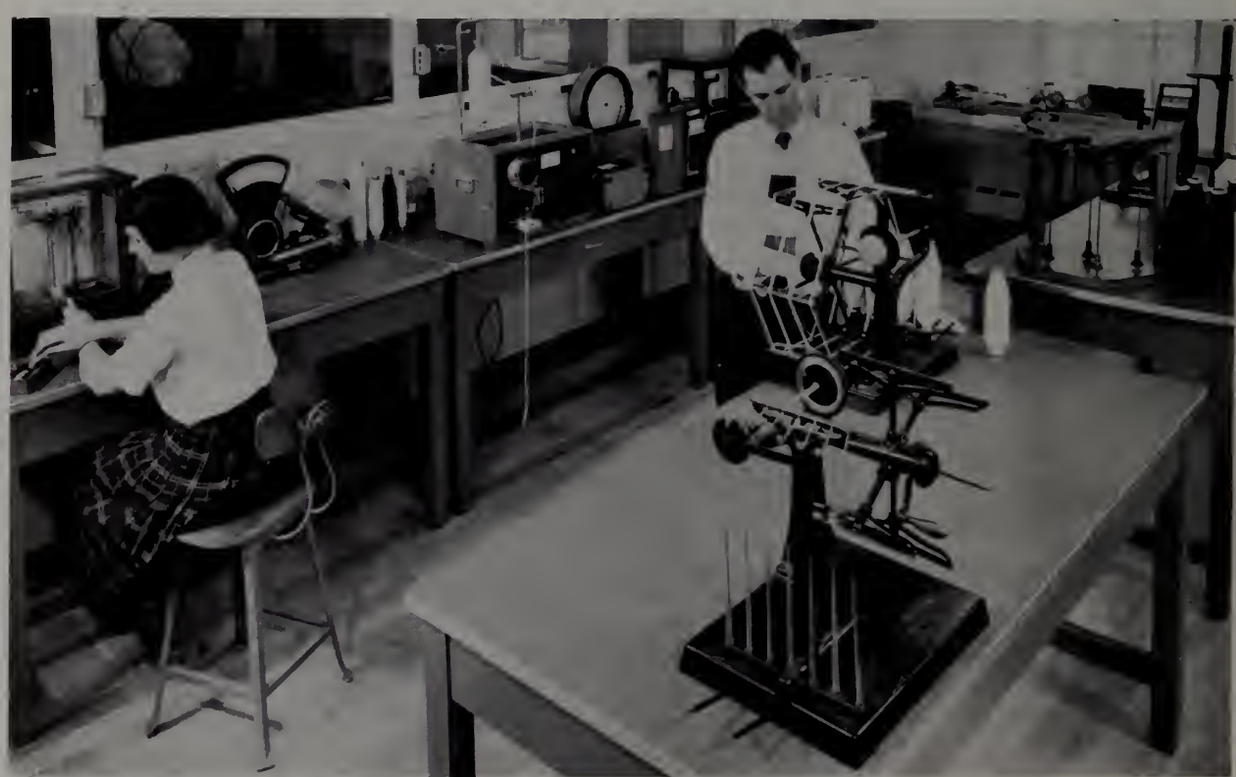
*Right: Three Model "F2" Cotton Spinning frames, each of which is set up to cover different fiber requirements*



*A partial view of the twister section on the second floor. There is a total of eight different twister models on display*

The laps are placed on top of the Comber, and the cotton passed through rapidly moving combs. The cotton appears in the form of sliver again and is coiled in cans. The cotton has been cleaned, the fibers made almost perfectly parallel, and the sliver stretched out several times the length it had when it came from the Card.

5. *Drawing.* The next process is drawing. When no combing is done, the cotton passes directly from the cards to drawing. In the Drawing Frame, many slivers are mixed together to form a single sliver; the fibers straightened out, and deposited into cans again in sliver form.



*Laboratory section of the Research Division. Wallace Caron is shown skeining yarns while Pauline Thibeault weighs fibers on a grain scale*

6. *Roving.* The Roving Frame stretches the sliver out as much as 20 times (drafting), twists the fibers very gently, and winds the cotton on a bobbin. The cotton is now called roving. It looks like thick string, but is very weak.

7. *Spinning.* The roving bobbins are placed on the spinning frames, and the roving is stretched out again (drafted) to 40 or more times its length. The yarn, as it is now called, is twisted to give it strength and wound tightly on a bobbin. Sometimes the yarn, or thread, goes directly from the spinning frames to looms to be woven into cloth, or is sold as thread.

8. *Twisting and Winding.* On the twister, several yarns are twisted together to give greater strength or to create specially colored yarns.

The winder is a special machine used to wind the yarn on the small filling bobbins that are used in the loom shuttle for making the cross-wise threads in a cloth.

On the machines mentioned above it will be possible to process or test any type of common fiber or blend to determine how it behaves during the manufacturing process, or on the other hand to determine how the machines function in processing the fibers.

### New Objectives

The creation of this large, well-equipped, adequately staffed laboratory should contribute greatly to progress in textile technology, both in terms of the solution of immediate technological and machine development problems and in long range research in fundamental textile research and machine development.

### Research

In the field of research, many broad areas are scheduled for study, covering the full range of the types of machinery Whitin manufactures. It will be the function of the research section to explore these areas with the aid of the most up-to-date scientific methods and equipment, with the objective of learning more about the nature and control of the fibers now known, and of new fibers as they are created by the synthetic fiber industry or discovered elsewhere. Other important objectives will be the discovery of new methods of processing fibers, and the examining of problems arising out of the present processing procedures and machinery.

### Development of Machinery

When the research engineers have come to a solution of a research problem, the next step would be to design machinery to prove the usefulness of the discovery and build machinery which can be produced and presented to the trade. The question might be a large one concerning an entirely new step or process involving radically new principles or it could be a sharply limited one involving a better type of drafting arrangement for a spinning frame, or an improved device for automatic feeding on a wool card, or the improvement of such a simple device as a thread guide. From these joint efforts of the research and development engineers will come the models of textile machinery that will keep pace with advancing textile technology.

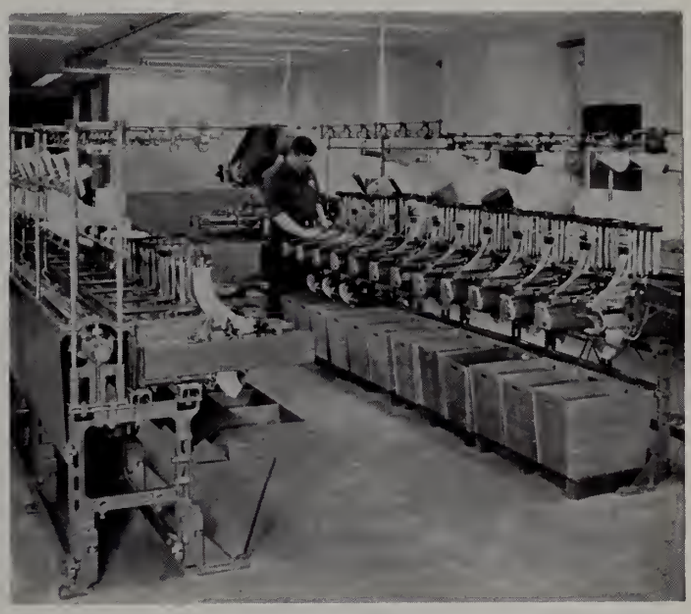
### Testing

Since adequate testing and control laboratories are essential to any research and development program, the operation of these excellently equipped laboratories will expedite and improve the operation and efficiency of the other divisions, by providing quick testing and analysis to accelerate the solution of problems being studied.

In another way, the testing laboratories will be of direct service to Whitin customers who are interested in making comparative tests to determine the improvement in yarn quality or production that Whitin machinery offers.

### Permanent Machinery Exhibit

The machinery installed in the first two floors of the building will afford to customers and interested mill men an unusual and unique opportunity to examine the latest models of all the major Whitin machines. As a textile display, this exhibit of 53 machines, all in operating condition, is unmatched. From time to time, other machines and models will be added, so that its value to the trade will continue to grow.



*Whitin Schweiter Winder units. Herbert Cutler, serviceman, is making sample filling bobbins*

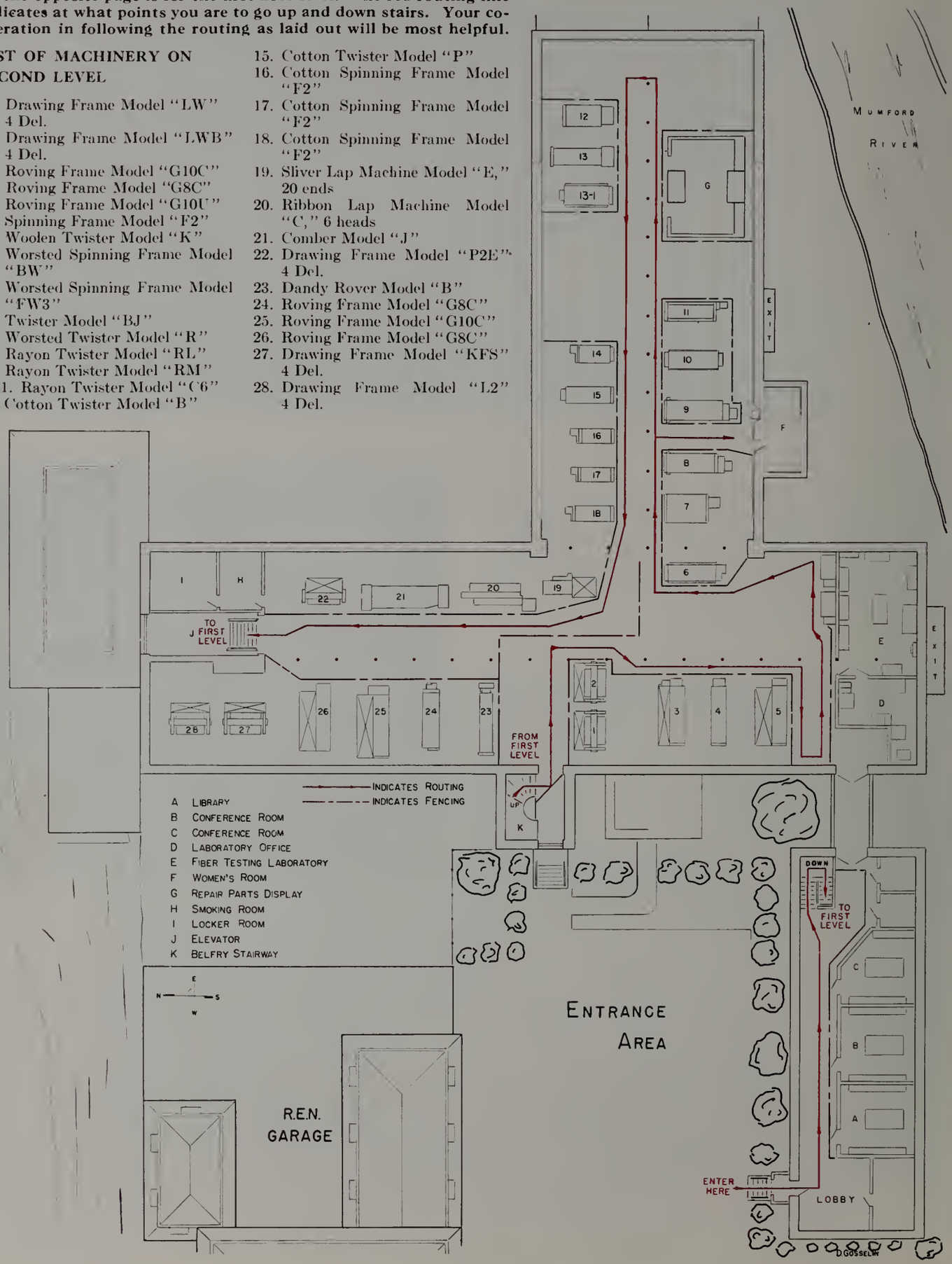
With the consolidation of these Research and Development Departments and the improved plant and facilities at their disposal Whitin has again made another—"First." The advantages of improving textile machinery is obvious. The better Whitin machines are, the better products mills can make on it. This notable expansion of the Whitin Research and Development Division is insurance to the textile trade, that as always, Whitin will continue to provide leadership—in making the best textile machinery—better!

# FLOOR PLAN AND ROUTING—SECOND LEVEL

**The diagram on this page is for the second floor level. The diagram on the opposite page is for the first floor level. The red routing line indicates at what points you are to go up and down stairs. Your co-operation in following the routing as laid out will be most helpful.**

LIST OF MACHINERY ON SECOND LEVEL

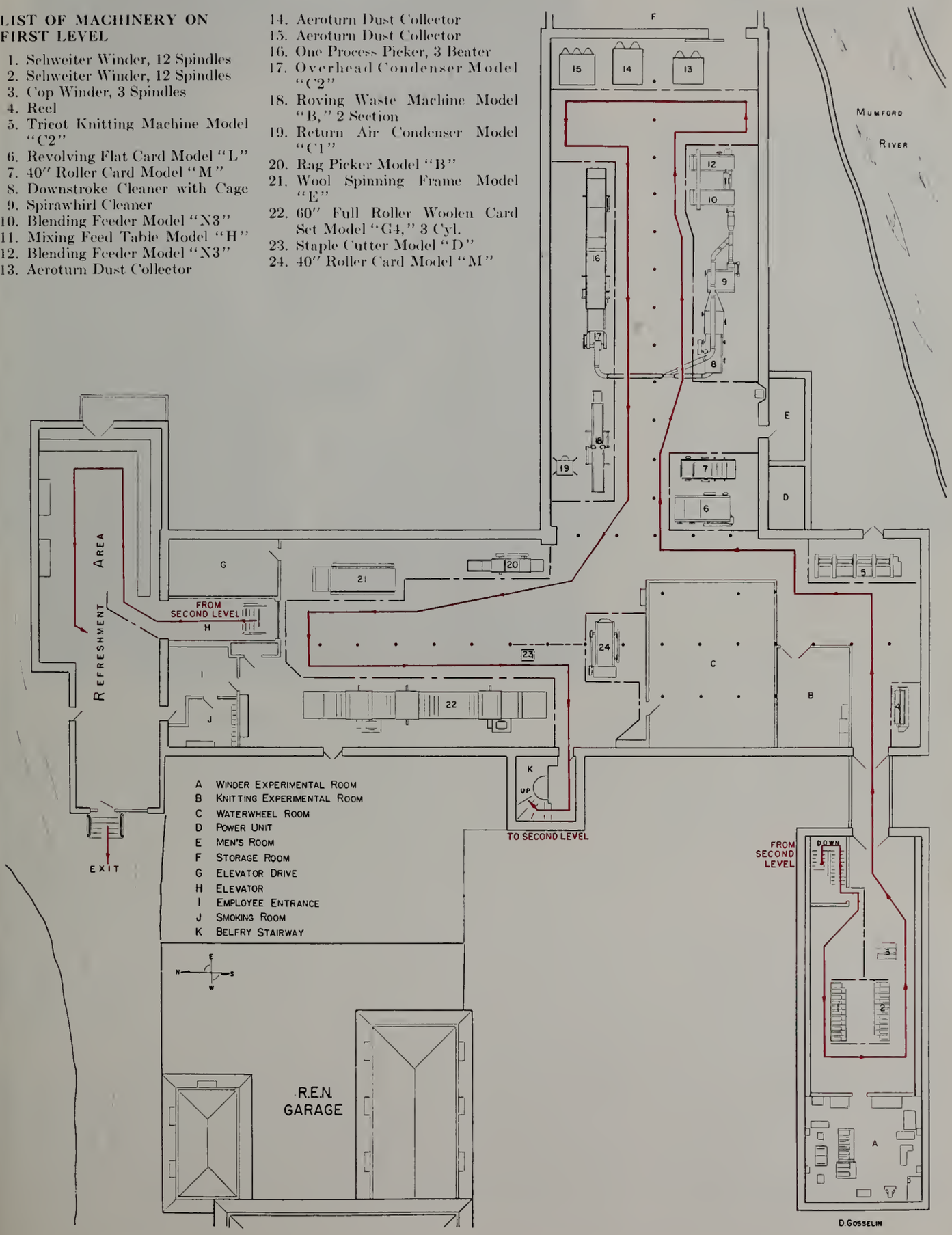
1. Drawing Frame Model "LW" 4 Del.
2. Drawing Frame Model "LWB" 4 Del.
3. Roving Frame Model "G10C"
4. Roving Frame Model "G8C"
5. Roving Frame Model "G10U"
6. Spinning Frame Model "F2"
7. Woolen Twister Model "K"
8. Worsted Spinning Frame Model "BW"
9. Worsted Spinning Frame Model "FW3"
10. Twister Model "BJ"
11. Worsted Twister Model "R"
12. Rayon Twister Model "RL"
13. Rayon Twister Model "RM"
13 1. Rayon Twister Model "C6"
14. Cotton Twister Model "B"
15. Cotton Twister Model "P"
16. Cotton Spinning Frame Model "F2"
17. Cotton Spinning Frame Model "F2"
18. Cotton Spinning Frame Model "F2"
19. Sliver Lap Machine Model "E," 20 ends
20. Ribbon Lap Machine Model "C," 6 heads
21. Comber Model "J"
22. Drawing Frame Model "P2E" 4 Del.
23. Dandy Rover Model "B"
24. Roving Frame Model "G8C"
25. Roving Frame Model "G10C"
26. Roving Frame Model "G8C"
27. Drawing Frame Model "KFS" 4 Del.
28. Drawing Frame Model "L2" 4 Del.



# FLOOR PLAN AND ROUTING—FIRST LEVEL

**LIST OF MACHINERY ON FIRST LEVEL**

1. Schweiter Winder, 12 Spindles
2. Schweiter Winder, 12 Spindles
3. Cop Winder, 3 Spindles
4. Reel
5. Tricot Knitting Machine Model "C2"
6. Revolving Flat Card Model "L"
7. 40″ Roller Card Model "M"
8. Downstroke Cleaner with Cage
9. Spirawhirl Cleaner
10. Blending Feeder Model "N3"
11. Mixing Feed Table Model "H"
12. Blending Feeder Model "N3"
13. Aeroturn Dust Collector
14. Aeroturn Dust Collector
15. Aeroturn Dust Collector
16. One Process Picker, 3 Beater
17. Overhead Condenser Model "C2"
18. Roving Waste Machine Model "B," 2 Section
19. Return Air Condenser Model "C1"
20. Rag Picker Model "B"
21. Wool Spinning Frame Model "E"
22. 60″ Full Roller Woolen Card Set Model "G4," 3 Cyl.
23. Staple Cutter Model "D"
24. 40″ Roller Card Model "M"



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## CHANGE TO SURVIVE

"I've been doing it this way so long, I don't think I could ever change."

Have you ever heard anyone say that? Have you ever thought it yourself?

Some changes come whether or not we like them. Age creeps up on us. New ideas are developed that may cause changes in our jobs. Perhaps we move to a new town. All of those changes test our ability to "roll with the punches."

Today, the security of our jobs and even the safety of our country depend on how well we can adjust ourselves to new conditions and new responsibilities.

FRONT COVER: Architect's drawing of the stone mill, Memorial Square, which houses our new Whitin Research Division. This fine old building was constructed over 100 years ago and is typical of the stone mills built in New England in that period. During the last few years, several of our manufacturing departments were located in this building. Last year the stone mill was completely renovated and today it houses our experimental, research and development departments.

BACK COVER: Reproduction of advertisement appearing in trade publications in conjunction with the opening of our new Research Division.

# *Whitin Personality*

MR. BOLTON was born in Jamestown, N. Y., and received his early education at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. During World War I he served as a pursuit pilot in the Army Air Service both here and abroad.

His mill experience was gained largely with the Cleveland Worsted Mills Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and later as president, treasurer and general manager of D. O. Pease Manufacturing Company, Palmer, Massachusetts. He joined our organization October 1, 1925, and was instrumental in building up our Woolen, Worsted, Rayon and Knitting Divisions, and he served many years as manager of these departments. He was appointed a vice-president in 1938 and was made first vice-president in 1942.

Mr. Bolton was elected president and general manager of the Whitin Machine Works at the Directors' Meeting, held March 4, 1946, at which time Mr. E. Kent Swift, who had been president of the corporation since 1933, became chairman of the Board of Directors.

Since that time Mr. Bolton has skillfully guided the Company through many difficult situations brought forth by our rapidly changing times. One of Mr. Bolton's plans, which has recently come to fruition, is the coordination and expansion of all research and development activities. These functions are now conducted in the newly rebuilt stone mill to be formally inaugurated on April 16, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolton live in Whitinsville and have two children, a son, John H., Jr., employed in the Whitin Machine Works, and a daughter, Janette Bolton Van Ravenswaay.

# Whitin Men Promoted

*Maynard Krull*

*William Barber*

*George Dykstra*

## MAYNARD KRULL

Maynard Krull has been appointed foreman of the Experimental Construction Department. He began his career with the Shop in 1941 where he served as an apprentice. In 1942 he entered the Army and in 1947 he returned to the Shop, completed his apprenticeship and became associated with the Research Laboratory.

Maynard graduated from Northbridge High School and attended evening classes at the Rhode Island School of Design and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. At present he is attending the Whitin Machine Works evening classes in Machine Design. Maynard is an accomplished violinist and enjoys participating in choral directing. He is married and the father of two daughters—Patricia Beth and Cheryl Ann. Maynard is a member of the Christian Reformed Young Men's Society.

## WILLIAM BARBER

William Barber has been appointed foreman of Department 458, the Millwrights branch. Bill was born in Whitinsville and has lived here all of his life. He attended the local grade schools and is a graduate of Northbridge High School. Bill has also attended the Massachusetts Diesel Institute in Boston. In 1936 he entered the Shop and became associated with the Millwrights Department; he has gained a thorough knowledge of the various department functions by experiencing all phases of the work. The 10 men in the department are responsible for setting up and repairing machinery, the mechanical upkeep of the Company's 19 elevators and the moving of equipment in addition to other duties. William is married and has one daughter, Maureen, age six. His hobby is flying and on March 10 he received his license. His instructor has been Bob Brunell of the Millwrights; Bill was Bob's first pupil.

## GEORGE DYKSTRA

George Dykstra was recently appointed assistant foreman of the Paint Job. In 1920 George came to Whitinsville from Holland. In that same year, he started his career with the Whitin Machine Works by working under the late Mr. Britton of the Screw Department and remained there until he returned to Holland, two years later, for a short vacation. Upon his return to the Shop, he worked for a few weeks on the Box Job and in 1923 he was transferred to the Paint Job, where he has been ever since.

George and his family reside at 11 D Street, Whitinsville. He has four children whose ages are 18, 16, 13 and 6. George enjoys all sports but his hobbies are laying linoleum, fresh water fishing, and reading.

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# "New Hospital One of the Finest" Say State Officials

*The new two-story addition of reinforced concrete and brick, and the renovation of the original building was completed at a cost of $261,449.69. Many of the finest features found in the most modern hospitals have been incorporated. The Whitinsville Hospital was founded in 1914*

THE dates of March 9 and 10 marked the formal opening of Whitinsville Hospital's new two-story wing to the residents of Whitinsville and surrounding communities. Civic leaders, public officials and representatives from contributing organizations and the general public were escorted through the new two-story building by members of the Board of Directors.

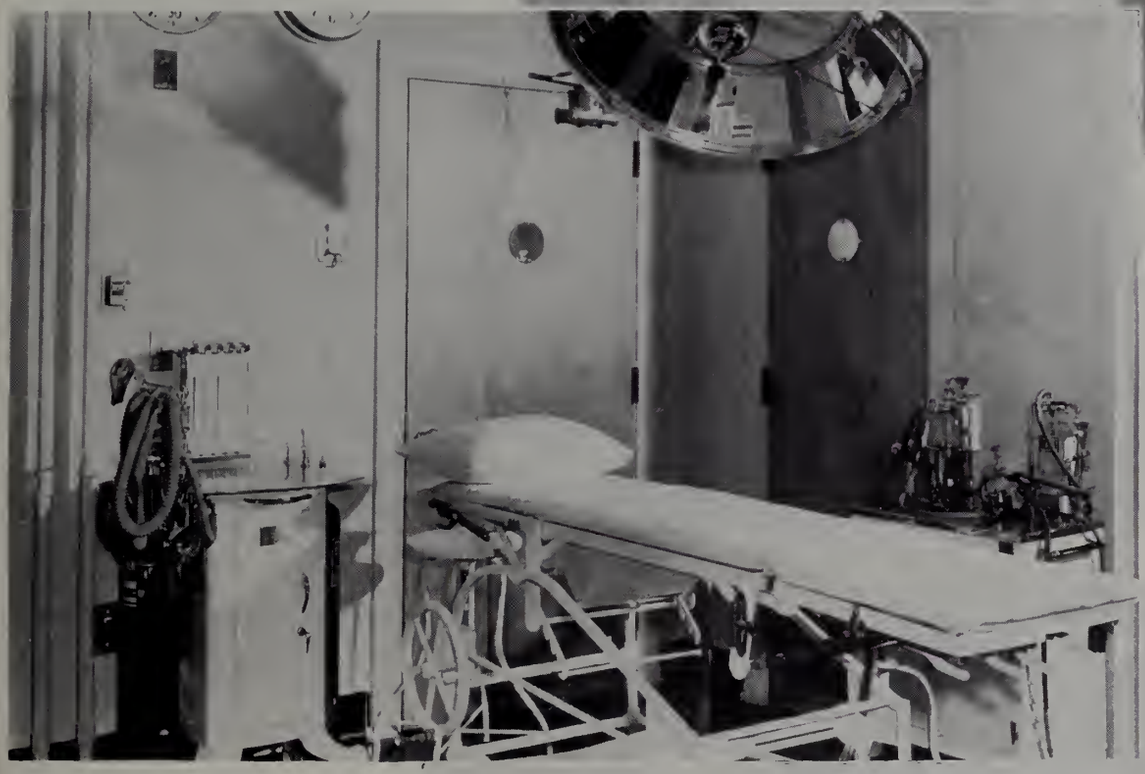
The Whitinsville Hospital first opened for service on September 15, 1914, and admitted its first patient on September 19, 1914. Gradually the hospital has grown in size; today the townspeople can be proud of the fact that it is one of the finest, most up-to-date community hospitals in Central Massachusetts.

Funds which were contributed by organizations and individuals in response to a public campaign for funds to provide furnishings, netted $59,681.13. The original sponsors and local business corporations underwrote $213,285 for construction of the building. The original sponsors were Mrs. Lois Whitin Crane, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitin Keeler, Mrs. Frances Sumner Lasell, Mrs. Mary Krum Lasell, Mrs. Elsa Whitin Mason, Sydney R. Mason, Mrs. Katherine Whitin Swift, E. Kent Swift, Paul Whitin, Edgeworth Whittall Whitin, Arthur Fletcher Whitin Fund, Paul Whitin Manufacturing Co., Whitin Machine Works and Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company.

*Miss Villa M. Haskell, superintendent of the hospital, is shown in the reception and admitting room. The superintendent's office adjoins the reception room*

*This picture was taken on the first floor of the new hospital wing looking back into the old wing. At the left of the picture you can see the blanket warmer unit. To the right of the picture is the nurse's station*

*Shown below is a section of the newly remodeled operating room in the original hospital section*



*The nursery has 12 stainless steel bassinets, each containing individual units. A preparation room is adjacent to the nursery*

Leland and Larsen, Boston architects, designed the plans and incorporated many of the finest features found in the most modern hospitals. The basement of the hospital has a nurses' dining room, a well-planned kitchen, an automatic dishwasher room, a complete laundry with drying and ironing room, a storage room with walk-in refrigerator, a formula room equipped with sterilization and refrigeration controls, a doctors' room, a laboratory where complete blood chemistry may be done, a new G-E X-ray unit which will enable the doctors to do complete X-ray work, a first-aid room and an ambulance entrance.

The first floor has three bedrooms with six beds, a delivery room, a suspect nursery with two bassinets, a linen room with $750 worth of new linen which is a gift

*Above: The staff dining room is adjacent to the kitchen*

*Center: A view of one of the semiprivate rooms in the hospital*

*Below: The kitchen has all new conveniences and appliances*

from a former patient, a nurse's station which has the most modern equipment, and a complete nursery unit with 12 bassinets and two incubators. The operating room in the old wing has been completely remodeled. The old wing also houses the sterilizing room, a utility room, an enlarged reception room, and the superintendent's office. On the second floor are a four-bed ward, a single bedroom, four two-bed rooms, a nurse's station, and service room.

The superintendent, Miss Villa M. Haskell, is assisted by nine registered nurses, three licensed attendants and two nurse's aides. The medical staff includes Dr. Henry L. Sullivan, Dr. John Bouvier, Dr. Charles V. Manganelli, Dr. W. Edward Balmer, Dr. Harold V. Williams, Dr. Morgan McSheehy and Dr. James Kuekan. Dr. Draper of Uxbridge and Dr. Spooner of East Douglas are members of the courtesy staff.

*Left: Ready to eat. From the left: Joseph Checchi, Jim Marshall, Ernest Parker, Herbert Lightbown, Howard Wilbur, Ben Brouwer, Norman White, Chris Kane, and Fred Muse.*

*In the photograph above: William Baszner, Martin Haringa, Donald Walker, Earl White, Edward Jennings, Ernest Leonard, Arthur Haaksma, and Hessel Schotanus*

# Dust Off That Rake

DUST off that rake—drag out that hoe—it's spring again, and time to start work on your garden.

Angus Parker, president of the Whitin Home Garden Club, at a meeting in February, announced that bulletins have been received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture stressing the urgent need for more and more gardens to aid the food production program. At the present time there are 275 gardens in operation in 13 different lots. These gardens vary in size from 1000 square feet to 4000 square feet. If you have not contacted Angus Parker for a garden, do so today. Not only will you be helping your country in its present crisis but you will also get a lot of personal satisfaction out of your garden as well as healthy fresh vegetables. As usual the land to which you are assigned will be plowed and cultivated and fertilizer will be furnished to you free of charge.

The guest speaker at the February meeting was Homer Mills, of the Worcester County Extension Service. His subject, "Insecticides and Fungicides," was illustrated with Kodachrome slides. A movie "Nature's Wonders" climaxed the evening's activities.

*Members of the Whitin Home Garden Club help themselves to turkey and ham at their buffet supper in February. On the left: Angus Parker, president, brings more food to the hungry gardeners. Standing in line, left to right: Edward Jennings, Joseph Checchi, Fred Dexter, Norman White, Peter Frieswyk, and Charles Brouwer*

*These men are serving their sixth consecutive year as officers of the Whitin Home Garden Club. From the left: Angus Parker, president; Jake Haringa, vice-president; Dana Heald, treasurer; and Merrill True, secretary*

*From the left: Albert Perry, Harold Whitehead, Mike Feen, Philip Walker, Gerrit Folkerts, George DeBoer, Burnham Cook, and John Connors. In the background: Ernest Chase, Dr. Paul Carson, Robert English, and Alan McCrea*

# Firemen Enjoy Evening with Board of Engineers

Members of the Whitinsville Fire Department were guests of their Board of Engineers at a banquet, Thursday, March 8, in the Whitin Cafeteria. After an excellent roast beef dinner, Chief Walker conducted a short business meeting, at which time, he thanked the Board of Engineers for honoring the firemen with a banquet. In continuing with further business, he spoke of Louis Veau's request to be released from active duty as fireman after 27 years of service. Mr. Walker spoke highly of Lieutenant Veau and expressed the sentiment of all the members of the fire company when he said he was sorry to see him retire from the department.

Chief Walker next thanked the management of the Whitin Machine Works and the Board of Engineers for the new Seagrave ladder truck which was delivered to the Fire Department February 9, 1951.

After nearly 25 years of faithful service, the Federal Ladder Truck of the Whitinsville Fire Department has been replaced with a new Seagrave 75-foot aerial ladder. This piece of apparatus is equipped with all the latest improvements for aerial fire fighting, and was placed in service on February 18, 1951.

The important part of this equipment is the three-section aerial telescoping "Yoloy" steel ladder, which extends to a height of 75 feet above the ground. The ladder is operated wholly by a hydraulic system controlled from

*The Hook and Ladder Company trying out their new equipment on the barn of the Adams Farm*

*Fire Department officers. From the left: Merwin Brown, deputy chief; Ercrett Johnston, secretary and treasurer; Philip B. Walker, chief; Leonard Brock, deputy chief; Leland Hemenway, assistant chief; and Fred Dexter, assistant chief. Auditor Ralph E. Lincoln was absent*

*Members of the Board of Engineers. From the left: F. Eugene Banfield, Jr., Erik O. Pierson, E. Kent Swift and John H. Cunningham. President J. Hugh Bolton and Sydney R. Mason, also members of the Board, were unable to be present*

an operating station located on the turntable near the base of the ladder. The hydraulic pressure is obtained from a pressure pump through a conventional power take-off from the truck transmission.

The power plant for the apparatus is a heavy duty 12-cylinder Seagrave engine of 202 horsepower fired by two distinct and separate ignition systems with two spark plugs in each cylinder.

To increase the use of this equipment for all-around fire fighting, it is provided with a 150–200 gallon per minute pump operated through a second power take-off. This pump can draft water from a pond or water hole or from a standard hydrant sufficient to give two good 1½″ streams, or it can discharge the contents of the 130-gallon supply tank carried under the ladder turntable through the 200 feet of ¾″ booster hose carried on a reel at the rear of the truck. Pumping capacity is sufficient to put out any chimney or small house fire.

In the body of the truck, under the aerial ladder and over the wooden ladders, 200 feet of 1¾″ booster hose is carried, together with 100 feet of 3″ ladder hose.

The aerial ladder can be used as a water tower by attaching a ladder pipe to the upper ladder rungs. Two lengths of 3″ hose connect this ladder pipe to a 2½″ Siamese connection on the ground, which in turn is connected by either two or three 2½″ hose lines to a pumping engine. This water tower can then discharge nearly 1,000 gallons of water per minute onto the fire through a window or roof opening.

In keeping with modern fire fighting practice, a 250 watt gasoline generator is housed on the side of the truck. This supplies lighting power for two 500 watt floodlights, one 250 watt spotlight, and one 500 watt portable floodlight, which will illuminate all sides of any fair-sized building at a night fire. A smoke ejector, operated from this same generator, can be used to quickly empty a smoke-filled house where necessary.

The general equipment includes: one nine-foot Atlas life net, various types of hand fire extinguishers, two gas masks, a complement of 10 wood ladders, door openers, pike poles, pick axes, electric lanterns, crowbars, squeegees, wire cutters, roof cutters, shovels, pitchforks, heavy duty jack, salvage covers, life belts, and the protective clothing

*A close-up of the new ladder truck and some of the firemen who will man it. From the left: Driver Erle Simmons, Captain James Connor, Charles Coombs, John Wright, Walter Lawton and Peter Frieswyk*

*Company No. 1—Engine No. 1. Front row, from the left: Alan Blizard, John H. Bolton, George Jones, Freelon Morris, Roger O'Keefe, Russell Bailey, George Rae and Vaughn Harding. Second row, from the left: Ernest Larson, Arthur Broadhurst, Robert McKee, Captain Winford Jones, Alphonse Sunn, Ernest Boudreau and Harold Ingham*

*Company No. 2—Engine No. 2. First row, from the left: Gerrit Ebbeling, Francis Veau, Morris Morin, Norman Stanley and James Forsythe. Second row, from the left: Bernard Shaw, Philip Skillen, Lieutenant Theodore Farrand, Captain Alvin Guyette, Napoleon Deschene and Leslie Benton. E. Kent Swift, Jr., and Raymond Vandyke were absent when photograph was taken*

*Company No. 3—Hook and Ladder. First row, from the left: Ernest Tremblay, Richard Garabedian, Lieutenant George Williamson, Captain James Connor, Armand Houle and Charles Coombs. Second row, from the left: Erle Simmons, Walter Lawton, Peter Frieswyk, Samuel Mateer, John Wright and Everett Gaspar*

*Fun with make-up. From the left: Ann Reed, make-up artist; Alan Blizard, Statue of Liberty; Ernest Boudreau, sweet sixteen; Francis Veau, monkeyshines; Erle Simmons, the evils of liquor*

for the 12 ladder men and two officers who make up this company.

The truck complete, but without men, weighs 23,300 pounds. It is 39 feet 4⅝ inches over-all in length, 8 feet 11 inches high, has a wheel base of 263 inches and a turning radius of 40 feet 6 inches.

Plans have been made to demonstrate the new equipment this spring, at which time neighboring fire departments will be invited to attend.

On March 10, in the local fire headquarters, the hook and ladder truck which was replaced by the new 75-foot aerial ladder, was turned over to the Sutton Fire Department for $1.00. Two years ago, the Whitin Machine Works

*Acrobatic dancing by Ronnie Hayes*

also assigned to the Sutton Fire Department for $1.00, a Seagrave pumper. Mr. E. Kent Swift, in a brief after-dinner speech, complimented the firemen on their excellent fire department. "The Town of Whitinsville," he said, "is fortunate in having such a select body of men, who are ready at all times to meet any emergencies which may arise." He went on to say that in addition to having a body of dependable men, a good fire department must also have an adequate water supply and good equipment. "We are lucky in having all three," said Mr. Swift. "In an average day we use approximately 1,221,000 gallons of water. Our capacity now with the new wells is more than 2,000,000 gallons a day. And now that we have added a new ladder truck and pumper to our equipment, the Whitinsville Fire Department, for its size, is one of the finest in the State."

In conclusion, Mr. Swift stated that the Whitinsville Fire Department, maintained by the Whitin Machine Works, and operated by volunteer firemen, saves the town at least $50,000 a year.

As usual the entertainers from Boston put on a very entertaining show. The program opened with the acrobatic dancing of Ronnie Hayes. Virginia Hauer, singer of popular songs, particularly amused the firemen with her version of the song, "Makin' Whoopee." The team of Morris and Graham, attired in Scotch kilts, entertained the audience with their singing and dancing. Ernest Boudreau, Erle Simmons, Francis Veau and Alan Blizard were the hit of the show when they participated in the act "Fun with Make-up." The tap dancing of McHarris and Delores concluded the evening's program. The evening was a huge success and the thanks of the fire companies go to the Board of Engineers.

*Virginia Hauer sings her version of "Makin' Whoopee"*

*"A wee bit of Scotch" by Morris and Graham*

# Whitin Glee Club

# Heard in Sacred Concert

The Whitin Male Glee Club, under the direction of C. Alexander Peloquin, presented its third concert February 19, at the Whitin Memorial Gymnasium.

Against a beautiful background of imaginative stained glass windows and altar railings, the Glee Club of 54 men, attired in crimson choir robes, presented a program of sacred music. In view of the nature of the program, it was requested that there be no applause except at intermission and at the close of the program. However, it was easily discernible that the audience of 1100 people was enthusiastic and most appreciative of each number presented. Although the program was ambitious, our Glee Club proved its remarkable ability by the interpretation and rendition of the music.

We quote, in part, comments made by Raymond Morin, the *Worcester Telegram* music critic: "The club has an excellent bass section—above average. Last night, the use of double bass and timpani complemented and enriched these low voices. The tenors blended in passages that were focused on their middle and low range.

"Throughout the evening, one was given cause to admire clarity of diction and a zealous, enlightened effort to apply style to phrase meanings. Binchois's 'A Salus Ortus' was euphonious and steadily toned in its opening unisonous passages, and when phrases became divided they were paralleled in the fine Gregorian tradition.

"The chorus excelled technically and rhythmically in exacting works of rapid tempo. The best of these were the 'Carol of the Bells' in which the bell imitations and associated melodies were crisply handled and Lvonsky's 'Hospodi Pomilui' which sped on with precise and steady momentum.

"Mr. Peloquin had clearly trained his singers with a keen awareness of their needs and supplemented this training shrewdly and vigorously."

The program provided the musical setting for a pilgrimage through the ecclesiastical year and was as follows. *Advent*, "O Come, O Come, Immanuel," a 13th century Gregorian melody; *The Annunciation*, "Ave Maria" by Vittoria, 16th century Spanish composer and priest; *The Visitation*, "O Praise the Lord" by Ippolitov-Ivanov. The words are from Psalm 103 and parallel the Magnificat; *Christmas*, "A Salus Ortus" by Binchois, a Belgium composer of the 15th century, and "The First Noel" by R. Vaughan Williams, one of the nine carols authored by the present-day English musician. The third selection under *Christmas* was the "Carol of the Bells" by the Russian composer, Leontovitch.

*Epiphany*, "The Three Kings" by Lara Hoggard; *Ministry of Christ*, "Lord's Prayer" by A. H. Malotte; *Ash Wednesday*, "Out of the Depths" by Bach; and "Hospodi Pomilui" by Lvovsky; *Maundy Thursday (the Last Supper)*, "Ave Verum Corpus" by Josquin Des Pres; *Good Friday*, "O Wondrous Love" by Bach and "Improperia" by Palestrina; *Easter*, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" by Archibald Davison.

*Ascension*, "Draw Us to Thee" by Vulpius and "Unfold Ye Portals" from the oratorio, "The Redemption" by Gounod; *Pentecost*, "Send Forth Thy Spirit" by Schuetkey; *All Saints (Kingdom of Heaven)*, "Let Their Celestial Concerts" by Handel.

*Thanksgiving*, "God of Our Fathers" by Warren-Gearhart. The audience was requested to join with the club in singing the third verse in this selection.

Members of the Glee Club who participated in the concert include: Donald H. Amiro, James Ashworth, Edward T. Baker, Raymond F. Blizard, Albert Brouwer, Charles W. Brouwer, Bradley T. Brown, Sidney R. Buma, James Connor, Frank M. Crossland, Robert K. Crossland, Alfred J. DeJordy, Alfred J. Demars, Donald H. Dumas, Robert English, Oscar E. Erickson, Joseph Garabedian, Jr., James G. Gellatly.

Bernard E. Gervais, Henry Gosselin, Clyde S. Gould, Thomas G. Hamilton, George Hartley, Joseph Hetherington, Jr., Paul Hooyenga, Harry Jackson, Ovila J. Jacques, George E. Kellstrand, William C. Kidd, Walter E. Lanagan, Roy Lermond, Samuel Magill, William Magill, Arthur Marshall, Edward Marshall, Francis Mateer.

Allan F. McCrea, Patrick A. McGovern, Freelon Morris, Jr., Russell J. Murray, Bryant Nichols, Forrest Noe, Edward L. Nuttall, Charles A. Polucha, Francis J. Polucha, Earl E. Robbins, Sr., Victor R. Romasco, Robert L. Shaw, Donald K. Simmons, Jr., Ralph W.

*The Whitin Male Glee Club, under the direction of C. Alexander Peloquin, presenting a concert of sacred music in the Whitin Memorial Gymnasium, Monday evening, February 19*

Stinson, Abraham Twight, Clarence J. Visbeek, Newell S. Wallace, and Thomas G. H. Wallace.

The Executive Committee in charge of arrangements were Frank N. Stone, manager; Thomas G. H. Wallace, chairman; Newell S. Wallace, vice-chairman; Bryant Nichols, treasurer; Donald H. Amiro, secretary; Thomas G. Hamilton, librarian; Alfred J. Demars and Patrick A. McGovern, concert properties managers.

The orchestra included Cynthia Brown Fournier and Alfred Lague, pianists; Nado Pandolfi and Rene Hogue, trumpet; Lawrence Carroll and Fernand Mandeville, trombone; Louis Scacco, double bass; and George Geer, timpani.

Kenneth W. Crossman served as head usher and was assisted by J. Harold Baszner, William T. Boyd, Willis N. Buchman, William Crossland, Harvey L. Deslauriers, John Lodder, Weyman J. Plante, and Joseph T. Roche.

Alfred Demars and Patrick McGovern designed and built the setting. The proceeds from the concert ($250), were added to the Glee Club's previous donations to the Whitinsville Hospital Fund.

*There were very few vacant seats in the Gymnasium the night of the concert*

# Ready for Spring

More than 1500 rainbow trout were released in Riley's Pond, on Castle Hill Road, by the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club in March. The stocking of the Club's private pool was in preparation for the spring fishing and the annual derby held April 7.

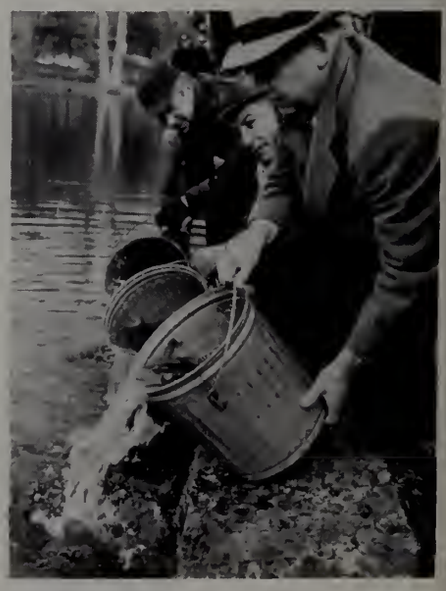
Three extra large trout were tagged for the derby. Arrangements have been made to award prizes to the lucky fishermen who land them.

This year Walter Graham and Howard Libby, special police officers, will patrol the Club's private pond to guard against unauthorized fishing and violation of Club rules by members.

*These four members of the Club's Fish and Game Committee were in charge of restocking Riley's Pond and the opening day's activities on April 7. From the left: William Taft, Claus VanDyke, Francis Joslin, and Paul Mintoft, chairman*

*Here is a good closeup of a few 11-inch rainbow trout used in restocking Riley's Pond. Charlie Resan is releasing them*

William Todd, Club president, has announced that after the spring fishing draws to a close, the Club is making preparations to drain and clean Riley's Pond. Plans have also been made to clear the wooded area around the pond to provide for better casting. In addition, the Club expects to drain and clean their small pool with the idea of turning it over to Club members' children for fishing.



*Left: While an interested crowd looks on, Al Perry and Paul Mintoft get ready to release the first pailful of trout at Riley's Pond, March 3. Burt Cramp, one of the Club's ardent fishermen, is shown on Perry's left. Right: Ed Postma, Al Perry, and Charlie Resan, members of the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club, are shown releasing 11 and 12 inch trout*

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

*by "Rusty" Malkasian*

Believe me, the years have been kind to Department 417. We extend birthday congratulations to Jake Hoogoian who celebrated his 71st birthday on March 15 and Gerrett DeBoer who celebrated his 75th birthday on April 3. Many happy returns, boys. . . . Norman Spratt has been laid up sick for the past 12 weeks; he is improving now and will be in good shape shortly. He expects to be present on opening day for the Blackstone Valley League when they raise the championship flag for the Whitin's Club at Vail Field (conditions permitting).

Don Sangster is back with us after a short siege of hospital confinement. Don had a successful operation and we suspect that it was to improve his golf game. We're glad things are fine and the golf clubs are all oiled up ready to hack around, Don. . . . Toni Peroni is all squared away on the accident he had a short while back and needless to say, it wasn't his fault. He got it in the neck, literally. He's back working now and the old rubber neck is operating as good as pre-accident days.

Edgar Harpin walked out of the Shop recently with a box, but he didn't get further than the guard at the door. The guard, doing his duty, asked Edgar what was in the box;—he opened it up and found a box of cigars. After the box of cigars was opened, Edgar offered one to the guard, and naturally, he took one. . . . How much nerve can one man have? Len Hinchliffe came in to work recently with a polka dot jazz bow. Of course, the boys didn't joke with him much but the following day he walked in with an eye-opener of a shirt. Believe me, it wasn't a Christmas tree but he sure did have courage wearing it. . . . Bernard Cournoyer, one of our teen-age workers, has joined the Marine Corps. Bernard was presented with a pen and pencil set and the boys wish him luck. We hope that he will be back with us again, soon.

Gene Bousvert is still dreaming of the 24½ lb. fish he caught at Cape Cod last year. He's got his camping and fishing plans all made. He's a great wide-open space man and can't wait to get started. . . . The planning personnel has undergone a big change in the office here: Jack Gilchrist has the central planning assignment, replacing Louis Vanderloop. Len Hinchliffe as job planner replacing Don McKenzie, and John Mullen has come in as job planner, helping Hinchy on the job. We'd like to wish all these boys good luck on their new jobs.

The following new men have been added to the 417 personnel: Walter Jordon, Gene Arel, Ernest Noel, and Dana Swazey. . . . Jock Davidson can't wait to greet "Sandy," the greenkeeper at the Milford Country Club and start operating with his special foursome. I wouldn't say Jock is the worst golfer, but don't forget to replace the turf, Jock!

## TOOL JOB

*by George Jones*

Bill Hall is the Tool Job man of the month. Bill has been with the Whitin Machine Works off and on since 1906. He has repaired and installed tramways in the foundry for over 25 years. Bill played baseball in the old Blackstone Valley League along with playing football and basketball for the old Y.M.C.A. In bowling circles Bill is known as one of the better bowlers and is in at least three leagues every year. He is the father of three girls and two of them are twins.

John Gryzb, the tall blond from Dudley, bid farewell to the boys on 454 on February 27. He went into the Army and is now in Maryland. . . . A farewell party was held for Leon Guyotte of the welding room at the Riverside A.C. on March 8. Albert "Buck" Belanger was master of ceremonies and entertainment was by Department 454 talent. During the evening, Leon was presented with a purse. Leon is going back into the Navy.

The new stock man for Department 454 is Roland Fontaine. He lives in Douglas and came to 454 from 421. . . . Incidentally, we wonder if Walter Lawton wore his big green bow tie on St. Patrick's Day. . . . Tool Job Scoops: Walter Lawton, the repair man for 437, is waiting for the opportune time to run for a berth on the athletic field commission. Tom Postma, the assistant foreman on Department 454, is thinking seriously of running for selectman. . . . On March 12 Charlie Paine parked his car in the parking lot at 6:50 a.m., took his keys out of the car and went into work. At 11 a.m. Officer DeVries notified Charlie that his motor was still running. . . . How come, at the Glee Club concert, Jim Gellately sang the song on page 10 while the rest of the chorus sang the song on page 14?

*Arthur Johnson, right, of the Carpenter Shop, was presented a sum of money when he left the Shop to enter the Army in February. Clinton Whiting made the presentation on behalf of Arthur's fellow-workers. Reading from left to right: Richard Davidson, foreman of the Carpenter Shop; Leon Wallace, Rudolph Rinne, Peter Mazzini, Joe Zito, Joe Hetherington, Louis Trainer, George Hetherington, Alfredo Constantini, Eddie Letourneau, Louis Whitney and Alire Pouliot*

*Henry Graves of the Comber Job was guest at a party at noon on March 5 when his co-workers presented him with a birthday cake in honor of his 75th birthday. On March 13 Henry marked his 58th year with the Shop. When he started here in 1893 as a toolmaker his weekly wage was $3.62. Henry is well known in Whitinsville and belongs to several local organizations. He is a popular party-goer and goes to one just about every night in the week. Henry can recall many humorous things which have happened to him during his 70-odd years but his favorite story is about the time he was riding the ice-cream cart from Riverdale to Whitinsville. He was walking the horse near the Riverdale Cemetery about 11:30 at night when two men crept up from behind to overtake him. Henry used the whip, knocked the men down, jumped up on the horse and didn't stop riding until he blazed into town a few minutes later. Henry said no one believed his story*

## GRINDER JOB

***by Dorothy Antoian***

There are a few more changes in the department: the new apprentice with the dark hair and the constant grin is Arthur Bokaski. George Rocheleau is the latest addition to the night crew; Mike Swana, former night operator, has been transferred to the Electrical Department and Robert Benoit of the day shift has gone to Department 447. . . . Birthday greetings were extended to Joseph Haringa on March 12. . . . Two of our convalescents are back on the Job again: Beatrice Winchell, who underwent treatment at St. Vincent's Hospital and Richmond "Bud" Black, who had a steel fragment removed from his knee. We are glad to have you back. . . . Walter Sokolowski was the victim of quite a misfortune which could have turned into a tragedy. While Walt was at work one morning, the oil burner at home exploded and set his third floor apartment aflame. His two children could have easily been victims of the flames, except for the quick action of their great-grandmother. She rescued the children and then returned to the blazing rooms, trying to save some of their belongings. As a result, she suffered minor burns but we are happy to say that her condition is now reported as good.

The flu bug didn't find too many victims in this department. George Moran, William Todd, Mabel Newton, William Markarian and Ernest Littizzio were the main sufferers.

Frank Mancini, a member of the National Guard unit in Milford, was on maneuvers recently with his outfit. The first time enemy planes flew overhead, the entire company (Frank's outfit) was wiped out. Shortly thereafter, the entire company was trapped and annihilated—for the second time! Instead of getting better, the situation became much worse, with our favorite company being wiped out no less than five times. "And this is our first line of defense?"

Raymond Fontaine, of the night shift, took his physical but hasn't had any report since. However, the fellows are trying to convince him that he's passed "for real," and have him already packed and on his way to Korea. Rumor says they even bought him a pair of water wings. . . . Sure sign of spring: William Damour's window box of radishes right here in the Shop!

## CARDS—SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

***by Millie Turgeon***

Things have been rather quiet on the job this past month, but by the time this is printed, it will be almost "wienie roast" time. There has been some talk about planning one soon. . . . Oscar Kurowski, once the most seasick boy on a fishing trip has overcome this obstacle, and is now promoting a fishing trip for Saturday, May 5. Some, rather leery about going for fear of having seasickness, may be convinced that Oscar's sure-fire method works. "Nothing to it, just take a couple of seasick pills before breakfast and you'll be O.K."

Johnny Sotek has a sunshine car, just a fair-weather friend. On rainy days it doesn't want to run. One rainy day, someone pushed him a mile and a half with nary a chug. Johnny and his passengers could be seen "thumbing" to work that a.m. At noon the car started but more trouble, a flat tire. . . . We're sorry to hear of Wilfred Morin's accident while returning from Connecticut. He had stopped for a red light and a truck from Georgia plowed into his car. Wilfred suffered a head injury, cracked ribs and a paralyzed arm. Wil used to be an inspector on our job. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We have exchanged apprentices on the job. Our new fellow is Charlie Sprague, who comes to us from time served on the Planer Job, Department 414. He is learning toolmaking, and worked on the Tool Job nights before starting his apprenticeship. Charlie lives in Woonsocket, and at present has no time for hobbies; he's too busy building a home.

There are a lot of birthdays celebrated this month: Jack Fitzgerald, George Forsythe, Jen Saunders, Leo Roberts, Roland Graves and Leo Chabot. Happy birthday to all. . . . We hope that Mary Paul likes her new work in Department 423. She was recently transferred from our department.

*Sgt. Arthur Bassette*

SGT. ARTHUR BASSETTE, formerly of the Foundry, is at present in Korea but will be returning home when the next draft replacement takes place. Arthur is a World War II veteran and took part in the invasions of Saipan and Iwo Jima. When the war in Korea broke out, Arthur was recalled into the service. After reporting to Parris Island, he went to Japan and from there to Korea. His platoon was a spearhead on the reservoir attack in December. Arthur was wounded but soon recuperated and returned to the fighting. Soon afterwards, he was promoted from marine corporal to marine sergeant.

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### PURCHASE-INSPECTION, DRILLING AND JOBBING DEPARTMENTS

***by Elsie Finnema***

We would like to put out the welcome mat for Clifford Chesley, Norman LaPlante and Selectman Thomas Danville. . . . Vivian Dumas celebrated her birthday April 5. . . . Howard Barnett had a birthday March 16. . . . William Belval of Department 425 is on a Naval Reserve cruise. He will be back with us in a few more days. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ovila Lajoei will celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary, April 29. Mrs. Lajoei works on Department 489. . . . Joseph Brousseau of Department 428 is in St. Vincent's Hospital. We hope that his recovery is a speedy one. . . . Cyril D. Norton of 489 says he has become a "grandpaw" and, even though it reminds him of approaching senility, he is happy about the new arrival—a baby boy of 8 lbs. 11 ozs., born March 5. Name: Jay Lynn Murphy. Mother: the former Valerie E. Norton, formerly of the Masterlist Department; father: Lynn Murphy, formerly of the Bolt Job.

### PICKER SMALL PARTS, ERECTING AND DRAWING

***by Syd Miedema***

Our veteran painter, Frank Rybak, who, with his wife and children, spent over 30 years in Plummers, have now moved to Fisherville as their old home was sold. Frank is a director of the Polish Benefit Club in Plummers. . . . We welcome three new men in our midst: Donald Simmons, Sr., Joseph Scott, Jr. and Bernard Smith. . . . Since John Sulyma has given up smoking and cut his chewing gum allotment to one package a week, he has surprised us all by buying a good looking 1946 Plymouth. He is going to seal the ash trays.

### BOX JOB

***by Bernice Asdikian***

Our foreman, Al Blanchette, and Mrs. Blanchette are mighty happy these days, and well they might be. Their son Henry has just returned from Korea. Henry's ship, the U.S.S. "Norris," was one of the first four Atlantic fleet destroyers to return to Newport, R. I. These destroyers were greeted by ranking civilian and military dignitaries, band music and a water display. Veterans of the Hungnam evacuation, shore bombardments and other varied duties with Task Force 77 of the Seventh Fleet, the four "tin cans" were the first Atlantic fleet units to take part in the Far East action. Al and his wife drove down to Newport to meet Henry and watch the ships come in. Henry has been in the Navy nearly three years and is a radio operator on the U.S.S. "Norris." These four ships left Korea and made a trip around the world before returning to Newport.

Pat Britt of Box Storage is a proud and happy man these days. He became a grandfather for the 15th time on March 16. His new grandson, Kevin Michael, was born on St. Patrick's eve and the proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Littlefield of Woonsocket. Pat has 12 children and 15 grandchildren. . . . Carl Larsson has begun work on his new home on Sylvan Road.

### YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

***by Bill Scanlon***

Quite a few new faces have been added to the Garage Department: Joseph Landry, ex-road commissioner of Sutton, Bob Richards of Erle Simmons' department, Ernest Chaput of Upton and also Del Williams have been changed over to the Ground Floor.

Eddie Connors, truck driver, celebrated his 35th year with the Shop in March. Eddie started his career by working for two and one-half years with George Gill on the Gear Job. He was then transferred to Burt Sweet's department and two and one-half years later joined Bernap's department in the Yard. For the past number of years he has been driving a truck. Eddie's hobbies are bowling and fishing. We hope that Eddie will have many more good years to come.

Frank McGuire of Erle Simmons' department is looking forward to November—he will then have completed 40 years with the Company. Frank is an old-time ball player, having played in the Blackstone Valley League for Whitinsville. Baseball is still Frank's hobby; he's never gotten away from it.

## PROMOTED

(*Continued from page 11*)

*Ernest Lawson*

ERNEST LAWSON, the new foreman in charge of Nickel-plating, Parkerizing and the Shop Laundry, came to Whitinsville in 1910. He attended local grade schools and Northbridge High School. During his summer vacations, he worked in the Spinning Department for Frank E. Bates. In 1920 he joined the Company on a full-time basis and in 1936 became assistant foreman of the Nickel-plating Department. He remained in the Company's employ until the outbreak of World War II when he served with the Army stationed in the Aleutian Islands.

Ernest is a member of the American Electro-Platers Society of Boston. His sport is fishing and his hobby is traveling. His travels have taken him to South America and Canada.

Last year, Ernest received his 30-year service pin from the Company.

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### ROLL JOB

***by Cesag Onanian***

The personality of the month is Sipka Oppawall, native of Holland, who came to this country in 1903 at the age of 12. He first lived in Linwood and went to school there for two years and in 1905 he started to work in the Linwood Mill. He worked there one year and in June, 1906, he started to work on the Roll Job; he's been here ever since. His first job was filing flutes. He's also raced-over, ran the milling machine and

*Mr. and Mrs. Sipka Oppawall*

coupled. His present job is coupling and he's the only one doing this job at the present time because when the Job was changed over recently, coupling was one of the jobs which was done away with. He does the repair and miscellaneous jobs which come along. He has worked under five foremen during his 45 years on the job. . . . During World War I, Sipka was in the Army and in 1918 he was married. He is the father of four sons and one daughter. His hobbies are gardening, reading and watching TV.

Francis Jacobs of the night shift became the first one from the Job to go into the service. He left on February 26 and is in the Army. Francis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Jacobs of Whitinsville and started to work on the Roll Job at the age of 16. Francis is a quiet fellow who took his kidding with a grin. He's an out-of-door fellow and he likes hunting and fishing. He is well liked by all and we wish him a lot of luck; we hope to have him back with us again soon. . . . Joseph C. Reneau and J. W. Henault are back with us again after their operations. John Rutana is still out and Annie DeYoung and Helen Howard are ill. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hope that they will be back with us soon.

## MILLING JOB

***by Marie Ebbeling***

We are happy to report that Leonard Baldwin is home and doing well after an operation at Memorial Hospital. We are looking for your return to work, Baldy. . . . Birthday congratulations to Leo Roussel, Mary Goyette, Edward Fontaine, Lawrence Ashton, Harold Wooster, Merrill True, Armand Vermette, Kenneth Williams and Robert Brodeur. . . . We especially congratulate our former foreman, Albert Brown, who celebrated his 79th birthday on March 24.

Anne Hoogendyk started off with a group of friends for the flower show in Boston one Friday after work. On the way they stopped at the Abner Wheeler House for their dinner. It was 8:30 when they had satisfied their appetites and decided it was a little too late to attend the show. However, they continued on to Boston with the idea of staying over night and attending the flower show the next morning. One of the girls suggested that they stay at her aunt's house in Stoneham but on arrival found that even this gracious aunt couldn't accommodate nine girls for a night. Anyway, in the wee hours of the morning they all arrived back in Whitinsville without seeing the flower show.

## RING JOB

***by Everett A. Gaspar***

Ray Pickett was late for work one night recently as his car suddenly stopped on him between Webster and Douglas. Being a good mechanic, he soon located the trouble—a bug in the gas line. Not a June bug so early, I hope. Maybe it was trying to get nearer to the motor to get warm, Ray. . . . It's good to see Virginia Hamlin, Hagop Minasian and Chet Clark back after their illnesses. Chet was out for four months. . . . To all of these people who are new on the Job we say—

Arthur StockWell
GertrudE Boucher
Andrew Linton
Arthur BeauChesne
Colbert FOntaine
WilliaM White
Kasbar GarabEdian

Thanks to "Tut" Morin for this idea. Arthur Stockwell and William White are from Millbury, where Bill used to operate a filling station. Andrew Linton and Arthur Beauchesne are from Woonsocket. Andy's former occupation was that of meat cutter. Colbert Fontaine is a transfer from Department 406 and lives in North Uxbridge. Gertrude Boucher is from Millville and Kasbar Garabedian is from Whitinsville. . . . Leaving us are Emile Roy, Walter Erickson and Chesterline Cichonski. We wish them all the best of luck with their new work.

*Louis Laflamme with his granddaughters*

Our personality this month is the man with the greatest seniority in our department—Louis Laflamme. Louis was born in Chepatchet, R. I., on May 21, 1889. After living there for five years, he came to South Sutton and lived there until five years ago, when he purchased a home on Providence Road, Plummers. He was married on Thanksgiving Day in 1914 to the former Auria Foster of East Douglas. They are the parents of seven children and the grandparents of five. Louis worked in the Foundry for 10 years before coming to our department, where he has worked for 35 years, polishing cast iron holders. In his spare time he enjoys gardening, taking care of his chickens and pigeons and watching television nightly.

*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vandyke*

Jack Sullivan and his family have moved into their new home on Fowler Road. . . . Harry Bailey and Arthur Thifault have returned to the day shift and Joe Cyganiewicz and Camille Jacob have gone onto nights. . . . "Bud" Frieswyk is trying to hurry the process of "growing up" in his two-week-old nephew. He has him watching television already. He'll learn the fine points of wrestling at a tender age if "Bud" has his way.

## COMBER JOB

***by Hector Chase***

Arthur Van Dyke of the Comber Job and Mrs. Van Dyke were honored on their 43rd wedding anniversary, February 24, with a surprise family gathering at the home of their son, John Van Dyke, Hill Street.

A turkey supper was served. The couple were presented a purse and were surprised with a gift of teacups from Japan which were sent by Arthur Malo. Present at the gathering were: Mr. and Mrs. George Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. John Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jackson; and 15 grandchildren.

## LINWOOD MILL

***by Louise Sohigian***

Before I start my column for this month, I would like to say that all of us at the Linwood Mill would like to thank the management and all who made it possible for us to have music down here. Thanks again, it is greatly appreciated. . . . Best of luck to Dick Bosma who has left us to work in Providence.

We wish a speedy recovery to Nellie Burroughs who is at the Memorial Hospital. We hope that she will be back with us soon. . . . We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tebeau on their 29th wedding anniversary which they celebrated recently at the Colonial Club with their children. . . . The birthday candles are lit this month for Harry Jackson and Tillie Oppewall. We wish them many happy returns.

*Thomas E. Halacy, Jr.*

*Chester Greenwood, of the Spinning Floor, has every reason to look happy in this picture. A few months ago, he received $100 for a suggestion which eliminated one of two limit switches on spinning frames and twisters without endangering the safety features or operating efficiency of the frames. After the actual savings were figured over a period of a year, Chet received an additional $400 for his suggestion. Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, president, made the presentation. Looking on, from the left: Robert Wilson, divisional superintendent; Erik Pierson, works manager; John Cunningham, general superintendent; and Russell Whiting, secretary of the Suggestion Committee*

## CORE ROOM

***by Francis Shugrue***

Thomas E. Halacy, Jr., was born in Uxbridge July 6, 1922. He attended the public schools in Uxbridge and also St. Mary's High School in Milford. While at St. Mary's he played on the varsity baseball team. He served in the Army from 1942 to 1945 with the 5th Ranger outfit. Tom and his outfit saw a good deal of action in Europe during the war. After his discharge from the Army, Tom worked for a short while in Uxbridge and came to the Core Room in December, 1946. Tom is now a core, air-machine operator. He is married to the former Amalia Frabbotta who worked in the Foundry Production office. Music, sports and tinkering with radio and television sets are Tom's hobbies. He and his wife and son, Daniel, make their home on Homeward Avenue in Uxbridge.

Bill Ridley has sold his pet goat. . . . When Oveilla Brooks bought his wood lot last year he had no idea of the gold mine he had on his hands. The wood lot is well stocked with cedar trees and Oveilla is selling cedar posts as fast as he can cut them. . . . John Kurowski and Gerrit Ebbeling have purchased television sets. . . . Peter Almasion has joined Larry Mahoney's club. Peter walked into the room recently with one brown and one black shoe on his feet. . . . The month of March was a bad one for the Core Room. Almost one half of the room's personnel were out sick at various times. . . . Vaughn Harding is busy these days planning a new wharf for his boathouse on Meadow Pond.

*Production Control Lectures: Due to numerous requests for information about production control methods, the educational department, under Mr. Luke Lomartire, arranged a series of lectures in which each phase of the Production Department's activities is portrayed. Mr. F. O. Rizer, our production manager, is the instructor in these lectures and is shown as he addressed one of the six classes which will run for a period of five weeks and in which enrollment exceeds 110 persons. The course consists of five lectures, two hours each, and is being given to all foremen, divisional superintendents, members of the Sales, Methods, Wage Standards, and Engineering Departments. It is thought that these lectures will result in better co-ordination and higher productive output for the Whitin Machine Works*

## WINDER JOB

***by Floyd Gudanowski***

Our personality for this month is one of the most popular girls on the Job, Alice Ellsey, of the Winder Job Office. Alice and her twin sister, Sophie, were born in Whitinsville, where they both graduated from Northbridge High. Alice started work in the Shop in March of 1943 on the Magneto Job, where she worked for two and one-half years as an inspector; her next job was at Department 411, where she served as clerk for inspection. In March of 1945 she was transferred to the Winder Office and has held that position since. Alice takes an active part in outdoor sports and raises gladioli as a hobby. She recently became engaged to Jean LaBelle of Peabody, who is a student at B.U. and plans call for Alice to be a June bride and make her home in Peabody.

*Henry Laflamme, a frame marker on the Packing Job, celebrated his 50th birthday at his home in Linwood, January 19. Sharing in the festivities are his father, Joseph Laflamme, who worked for many years in the Foundry, his wife's mother, his wife Alice, of the Ring Job and his wife's sister*

*This picture, taken on December 17 by Robert E. Balcome of the Ring Job, received first prize in the Worcester "Gazette" Picture of the Week Contest. Bob was driving to Whitinsville from Douglas when he noticed the reflection of the Whitin Machine Works in the calm waters of the Mumford River. The Blacksmith Shop and the Annealing Room are located in this section of the plant*

*Donald Kusiak, of the Freight House loading crew, received a purse of money from his friends before leaving the Shop for the Armed Forces in February. First row, from the left: Joseph Costa, William McGee, Midas Derchosrofien, Donald Kusiak, Girard Belanger, Wilfred Valley, Peter Kusiak and Joseph Abram. Second row, from the left: Camille Roy, Michael Mausley, Fernand Roy, Louis Chouinard, Leo Cote, Norman Ethier, Joseph Burkey, Wilfred Bisson and Joseph Latraverse*

*Alice Ellsey*

Sparked by a fine exhibition of clutch bowling by Bob Conley, who hit a 313 total and Joe Maisto, with a 124 single, the Winder bowlers pulled an amazing upset, when they defeated "our across the alley neighbors," the league leading Spindle Job by a score of 1485 to 1435. The following week, in a complete reversal of form, the Job held an inter-squad match with "the Frames," again victorious over "the Drills" by a 1298 to 1264 score. High man for the winners was "Oil Soaked Bowling Shoes" Maisto, with a 278 total and a high single of 104. High for the losers was Joe Monfreda with a 262 total and "Sooey" DeGaetano with a 94 single. With that match we concluded our winter activities. Congratulations to Coach Sharkey for an undefeated basketball season and to Coach DeGaetano for a highly successful bowling campaign!

New faces on the Job belong to Robert Lennox and Laurier Champigny of Woonsocket and George Lamoureux of Sutton. . . . Just before the softball team headed for spring training in South Chepatchet, Stanley Frodyma was recalled and will attempt to land the outfield job left open by Oliver Baker, who may have drawn his unconditional release. Kay Kane has also put her bid in for the first base job left open by Frank Zajonc. . . . Virus X played the leading role on the Job during the past month. Those who are out are too numerous to mention, so I'll just wish a speedy recovery and a welcome back to those still out and the many who have returned.

New cars on the Job belong to Bob Conley, a Studebaker Champion, and Herb Alger, an Oldsmobile Rocket 88. . . . Charley Desmaraise, owner of a new piper cub airplane,

**FOUND**

A 15-year Whitin Service Pin has been found in the Town of Grafton. Will the owner please apply at the Personnel Department.

*Gerrit Ebbeling, formerly of Department 450, is pictured above with his mother, Mrs. Marie Ebbeling, of the Milling Job, and his girl friend, Dorothy Bosma of the Production Office. Gerrit is, at present, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.*

*A few members of the Winder Job who attended the Winder Job party at the Colonial Club*

*Sgt. Harry Ampagoomian in Korea. Oscar, Harry's father, runs a cam cutting machine on the Winder Job*

plans to carry passengers into work from Woonsocket on chartered flights. His only problem now is, if the alley between the Winders and the Spindle Job is long enough for a runway. . . . A speedy recovery to Henry Jacques and Rita Skinyon, who were both injured in separate accidents. . . . With the opening of the Major League baseball season on tap, did you know that: "Sooey" DeGaetano played ball with Bob Addis of the Braves. Joe Maisto and Alex Kellner of the Athletics, were on the same team in the Army at Tucson, Ariz. Bobby Thompson of the Giants is Jim Cunningham's cousin. That your reporter picked Walt Dropo, of the Red Sox, off second base at Vail Field. That Charley Burke was Mickey Cochran's personal guest in the Detroit Tigers dugout, and that Johnny Sain saw Leo Ethier relax under pressure, so he, too, started chewing tobacco.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

***by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin***

Personnel changes here in the office are still being made. The most recent changes are as follows: Johnnie Steele and Lou VanderLoop transferred to the Subcontract Division. Frank Norris has been replaced by Jim Bernard while Jack Gilchrist, George Lennox and Butler Smith, all former shop planners, are now in Central Planning. Smitty, incidentally, expects to report for active duty with the Air Force sometime in May.

We would like to pay tribute to a very active young man in the person of Benny Gniadek, a supervisor in No. 5 Storesroom. Benny is 29 years old and has worked here three years. He was born in East Douglas but now makes his home on Hecla Street in Uxbridge with his wife, the former Jennie Tarsa, and his two daughters, Janet, age four, and Carolyn, age one. Benny was a star athlete at Douglas High School and later pitched for Douglas in the Valley League. He entered the Armed Forces in 1942, was a technical sergeant for 30 months and was discharged a first lieutenant. He served with the 2nd 28th Infantry Division in the E.T.O. and now spends one evening a week at Nichols Junior College in Dudley as company commander of "K" Co., 376th Infantry, 94th Regiment where he gives basic training to youths in the Army Active Reserve.

We wonder where Mona Kelliher's thoughts were that morning in early March when she inquired of her father, "Dad, when is St. Patrick's Day?"—then, we are told that Mona got lost in Boston on March 17, looking for a parade. What part of Boston were you in, Mona?

The Production Department will enter a team in the Softball League this year and all eligible are asked to regard this announcement as an invitation to join the club. Some of those who have already signified their intentions of playing are Tom Cawley, Ernie Hippert, Jackie Ratcliffe, Mimi Coporale, Joe Susienska, "Skipper" McGuinness, "Lefty" Kellaher, Everett Forsythe, Adrian

*Benny Gniadek*

*Four generations are represented in this picture. From the left: Theodore M. Larsen, Department 419; Philip Larsen, Jr., Department 454; Philip Larsen, Sr., Inspection Department; and David L. Larsen, front center*

*Everett G. Knindersma, formerly of Department 406, is with the Sub Division of the United States Navy*

Donatelli, Adam Davidson, Norm Lightbown and John Mereak. Anyone interested please contact either of your reporters. . . . Our bowling league did not enjoy its usual good year; however, on March 29 several members and non-members of the league held a banquet at the Colonial Club in Webster. The committee, headed by Betty Zacapolous, planned an entertaining evening, in hopes that next season, enough interest can be stimulated and the league will once again function as before.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Jean Cunningham*

It seems everyone is ill, including your reporter. Anyway, birthday congratulations this month go to Albert Charbonneau, Walter Frieswyck, Si Liebovitch, Archie Misakian, Rene Morel and Everett Swenson. Many happy returns, fellows. . . . Our newcomers this month include Charlotte Duvernay who hails from Uxbridge who most of us remember as Charlotte Adams with all the pep. Also Herman Roche who says he doesn't know anything about anything. We want to welcome back to the office Archie Misakian, who was hospitalized for a time; Ed McNamee who also was out sick. Lydia Hickey who was out sick for three months, has returned. Louie Armitage is ill at home; we hope that she will be back soon.

Pat Mateer has found out the sun doesn't shine all the time. Upon returning home with his wife one night he decided to take a short cut through Douglas. It was quite muddy on those back roads and Pat got stuck in the mud. Not only that but he had a flat tire, too. He and Mrs. Mateer arrived home at 1:35 a.m. . . . We all know that spring has arrived—Earl Mason has simonized his car. . . . We have successfully started a Benefit Club in the office and things are going great.

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

Fishing enthusiasts had better get ready to hear about the big one that got away. I saw Bill Rutana looking over fishing gear in a store in Shrewsbury. . . . Bill Wilson received a 15-year service pin and John Stefancyk, a 10-year pin from Shop officials this month. Congratulations. . . . Howard Libby, our congenial police officer stationed outside the freight house on traffic duty morning and noon, from now on has to be watched. If you will notice, the Red Sox fans now have to wait a little longer before they are allowed to cross the street. Check!

They tell me the quickest and shortest ride for seven and a half cents on the Consolidated Bus was given to Angus Parker of the Inside Paint Department. Angus got half way up Blue Eagle hill when he started to pull the buzzer to get off. He remembered that his own car was parked in front of the Shop.

Frank Rondeau had a call the other evening from the Photo-Phone contest at the Evening Gazette. Frank got so excited he couldn't even hear the question which was asked. . . . "Buster" Bromley will have to be more careful visiting the different supply rooms. He locked himself in one of the closets the other day and had to spend an hour in meditation before he was released. . . . Eddie Fournier and Mrs. Susan Rice have joined our department.

*The man on the left is John Fitzgerald, March photo mystery. He is a machinist in the Card, Small Parts Department. The young man this month was a sergeant in World War I. He has been with the Shop for nine and a half years. He is married, has three children and lives in Whitinsville. Can you guess who it is?*

## WORKS ACCOUNTING DIVISION

*by Oscar Erickson*

**Cost Department:** The following have birthdays this month: Kenneth Crossman, Everett Grant, Joseph Platukis and Arthur Rochon. . . . Congratulations to Helen and Herbert Barnes upon their 15th wedding anniversary. They have one son, Bobby. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Benner on their anniversary—this is their 24th.

**Payroll Computation:** Clare McDonald and Lorraine Blair are celebrating birthdays this month. . . . Marion Kreell is leaving to move into her new home. We all wish her the best of luck. She was presented gifts by both the Wishing Well and the Friendship Fund Clubs of the Tab and Cost Departments.

**Tabulating:** We welcome Dorothy Hamblin and hope she enjoys working with us.

*On Saturday evening, February 17, a housewarming party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Marshall who recently moved into their new apartment at 320 Church Street. The occasion was also marked by Bob's birthday. The affair was attended by 25 couples and during the evening a chair was presented to the guests of honor. A buffet lunch was served by Mr. and Mrs. Alan McCrea and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Holmes. Front row: James Dundas, Eleanor Mowry, Robert K. Marshall, Alice Ferguson. Back row: Ruth Marshall, Thomas Stevenson, George Hartley, Margaret Marshall, Mrs. Robert Holmes*

*Gordon L. Boutilier*

## MASTERLIST DEPARTMENT

*by R. W. Yeo*

Personality of the Month: Gordon L. Boutilier—Gordon lives at 20 Brook Street in Whitinsville and has been with W.M.W. for 28 years. He is married and has three children: a daughter, Joyce, who was recently married and works in the Repair Department; two sons, Robert, who attends New England School of Aircraft, a division of Boston University and Gordon, Jr., who is employed by Muntz TV of Boston as a technician. Gordon, Jr., has three children: two girls and a boy. Gordon, Sr., served as a non-commissioned officer in the Navy during World War I, and in World War II was a specification analyst for steam turbine engines. Before coming to the Masterlist Department in 1942 Gordon had worked on the Card Floor, Bolt Job (12 years), Department 451 as assistant foreman for four years and in the Wage Standards Department (six years). Gordon's present job is specification analyst of Worsted Spinning, High Speed Warp Knitting and Fales and Jenks. Gordon's sporting interests are mainly his hunting and fishing. Among Gordon's other activities is his hobby, mechanics, in which he deals mainly with oil burners, air conditioning and refrigeration.

Happy birthday wishes to Angela Zanchetti, Eleanor Colonero, R. K. Brown, II, Ernest Parker, James Ferry and James Henderson. . . . Mrs. Jane Longmuir of Uxbridge was recently visited by her son, William Longmuir of Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Longmuir is a lighting specialist with General Electric and is here in New England on business.

A W.M.W. anniversary of 31 years was reached by Ernest Parker on March 12. . . . Versatility: Barratt W. Judson, assembly analyst, is, or has been, among other things, an amateur carpenter, laboratory technician, storeroom employee, electric welder, hospital corpsman and "vet" of World War II, scoutmaster in Wilkinsonville, lieutenant in Sutton Fire Department and a police officer in Sutton. . . . Ray Meader, Jr., after considerable patience and hard work, is nearing completion of his new home, which is located on Purgatory Road overlooking Meadow Pond. All of us wish Ray, Elaine and Candy the best of luck. (Susie, too.)

## MAIN OFFICE

*by Alice M. Ferguson and Thelma Vandersea*

Eva O'Keefe was presented her 15-year pin this month by Mr. Lincoln. . . . We donate a pair of glasses to Gert Barlow so that she may see more clearly. The next time she won't come to work with one blue and one black shoe on. Did you ever find out whether they were the same color, Gert? . . . Birthdays celebrated this month: Alice Ferguson, Edna Bergquist and Sally Mantashigian.

## WAGE STANDARDS

*by A. Fettuccia*

The members of the office have wished farewells to: Martin Trench, Ernest Kivlin, Kay Tero and Russell Lupien, who have left our employ. . . . Happy birthday greetings are extended to: Don Amiro, Vickie Gigarjian, Wilmot Hastings, John Romasco, Babe Rosa, Howard Sears and Ralph Stinson. . . . The welcome mat is out to: Jody Civinini, John Horan, Joe Koger and Alfred Rothemitch. . . . A speedy recovery is wished to Mrs. Avis Farrand who is out on a sick leave.

To Roland Benoit, Department 425, and Mrs. Benoit, a son, Thomas Eugene, March 3.

To Carl Mattson, Department 416, and Mrs. Mattson, a daughter, Janice Christine, January 22.

To Armand Vermette, Department 416, and Mrs. Vermette, a daughter, Linda Anne, March 2.

To Arthur Dufries, Tool Job, and Mrs. Dufries, a daughter, born March 16.

To Ira Naroian, Department 454, and Mrs. Naroian, a daughter, Barbara Lee, February 17.

To Peter DeVries, jig maker, and Mrs. DeVries, a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, March 11.

To Leo Ethier, Department 449, and Mrs. Ethier, a son, Lawrence Philip, February 27.

To Martin J. Connolly, Stock Crib 12, and Mrs. Connolly, a daughter, Martha Ann, March 11.

To Sgt. James Price who is in Korea and Mrs. Price, formerly of the Ring Job, a son born at Whitinsville Hospital, March 8.

To William Fairbanks, Department 436, and Mrs. Fairbanks, a son born March 13.

To Eugene Kennedy of the Foreign Department, and Mrs. Kennedy, a son, John Timothy, born March 7.

Francis Coyle, timekeeper on the Grinder Job, engaged to Marie McGillicuddy of Worcester.

Ethel Stienstra was married to Harry Bates of Worcester, in Worcester, March 1.

Charles Mateer's daughter, Lt. Eleanor Mateer of the Army, was married to Capt. William McGilpin, February 15, in the chapel at Mitchell Field where she and the captain are stationed. Captain McGilpin is formerly of Connecticut.

*Rudolph Petrin, Department 421, married to Georgette St. Pierre, February 3, in St. John's Church, Slatersville*

## Obituaries

The Core Room extends its sympathy to Jeff Oliver on the death of his wife, March 2.

Members of the Grinder Job express their heartfelt sympathy to George Cote and family on the recent death of his father in Canada.

We extend our sincere sympathy to G. Laliberty of Department 416, in the death of his younger brother.

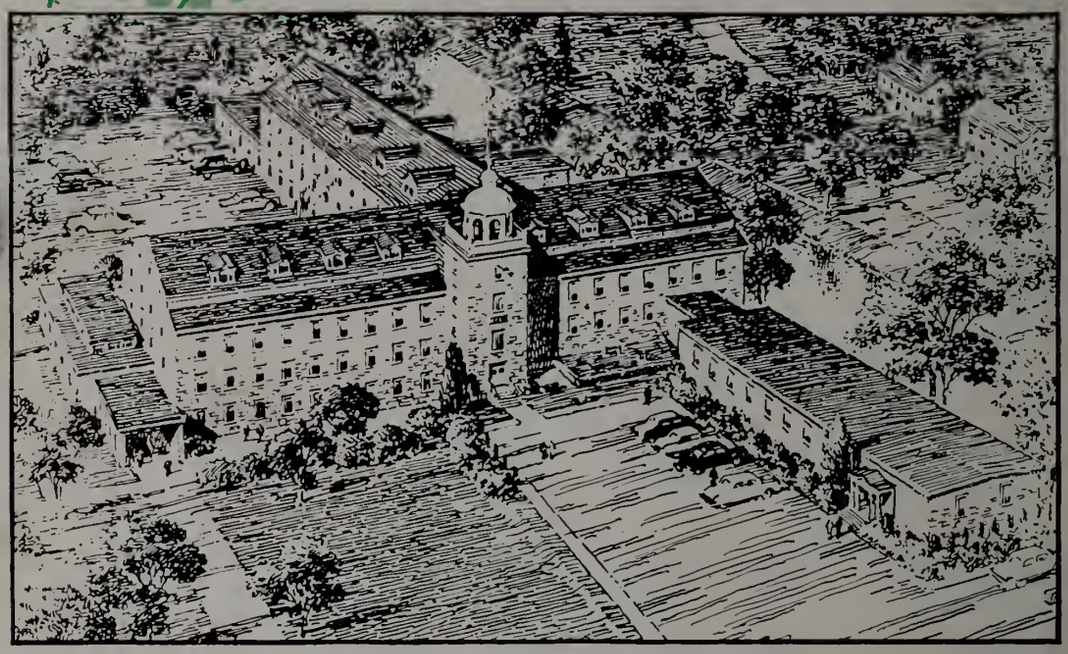
Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Frank Karoty, foreman of the Tinsmiths, who died on March 1. He was a native of Lithuania and had resided in Whitinsville 50 years. He was employed at the Whitin Machine Works for 51 years.

The Main Office express their deepest sympathy to Ruth Fuller upon the death of her father.

**HEADQUARTERS**

# *For men who look beyond tomorrow*

In the development of machinery for the Textile Industry, as in American Industry as a whole, progress is guided by men of vision. The ingenuity, skill and perseverance of its research men and development engineers have given form and substance to yesterday's dreams. Too often industry overlooks the importance of constant research, failing to recognize the need for adequate facilities to insure its continued progress. By providing new and expanded research facilities, Whitin confidently faces the future.



## New Home for Whitin Research and Development

This fine, old stone mill adjacent to our main plant has been completely renovated. Lighting, humidity and temperature control devices of the most modern type provide ideal mill operating conditions.

More than fifty of Whitin's latest model machines are on display in an area approximating 25,000 square feet. In addition, a library, sales conference rooms and a completely equipped testing laboratory are included. Facilities are available for testing not only fibers of all kinds, but also the machinery on which they are processed.

An equal amount of space has been provided for the Research and Development Engineering Division and Experimental Machine Shop. The entire building is manned by a staff of textile technicians combining their skills for one purpose—to maintain Whitin leadership in making textile machinery better.

*A complete description of this new Division will be available in the March - April issue of the Whitin Review.*

**Whitin MACHINE WORKS**

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May, 1951

# A Message

## *from our* President

With conditions changing from day to day it is difficult to predict events very far into the future. I do know, however, that you will be interested in some of the problems facing your management at the present time.

Business in the textile industry definitely is not good at the moment. The Office of Price Stabilization has issued pricing orders that have practically ruined the sale of textiles for civilian consumption, with the result that most mills cannot sell under the extremely low ceiling without losing money, and no mill could afford to do this for any great length of time. We hope that Washington will correct this condition before very long and that normal textile business will result.

The Whitin Machine Works still has a substantial backlog of orders for textile machinery, although not for all types of machines that we manufacture. Procurement of the necessary materials to build this machinery is becoming an increasing problem. This has meant definite shortages of certain parts and has interfered very materially with the even flow of our production. We are after Washington perpetually to correct this condition. It now appears that a Controlled Materials Plan will be put into operation as of July 1. This plan would cover only steel, copper and aluminum. Right now textile machinery ranks fairly high on the so-called "B" list, which means that we probably will get help in obtaining the above-mentioned materials. This does not give us any help, however, in the purchase of components, such as motors, bearings, etc. Furthermore, it is reasonable to expect that the Controlled Materials Plan will not operate very smoothly until the last three months of this year. Unless we are given immediate priority assistance in a substantial way, we cannot continue to maintain the present high volume of textile machinery production. Some relief which has been granted us should be helpful, and we understand that Washington is making plans to give us necessary interim relief, but we have no definite assurance of this yet.

We have investigated very thoroughly many defense contracts. Unfortunately, nearly all of the contracts obtainable would not involve the use of our facilities starting at the foundry, running through the various machining departments, and ending up on the erection floor. Had we taken any of these it would have meant a serious dislocation, and probably would have resulted in laying off employees in certain sections of the shop. This we do not want to do. In order to do everything possible to insure continued operations it is your management's intention to obtain a defense contract at the present time. We are investigating a contract which we feel would fit into our operations very satisfactorily right across the board and would mean no substantial dislocation. We hope to be successful in obtaining this contract for items extremely essential to our military effort.

You have our assurance that we are going to do everything humanly possible to maintain employment at the current high level.

Sincerely,

J. Hugh Bolton

*President*

# Whitin Opens New Research Division

*Sam Gustarson is demonstrating the Up-Twister to a group of Whitin folk. Over 40 million pounds of tire cord per year are produced on this type of machine in the plants of the Industrial Rayon Corporation*

The new Whitin Research and Development Division, housed in the newly rebuilt stone mill at Memorial Square, was officially opened on April 16. Present at the opening were Whitin officials, leading textile executives from area mills, and representatives from many textile journals and newspapers. After a tour of the new plant, company officials headed by J. Hugh Bolton, president, and E. Kent Swift, chairman of the Board, entertained the guests at lunch at the Whitinsville Golf Club.

More than 3,500 Whitin employees inspected the Division on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. Men on the night shift attended Wednesday afternoon. The employees were given an opportunity to view 53 of the latest model Whitin textile machines fully equipped with stock and operating under actual mill conditions. The machines covered all processes from Opening through Winding and Knitting.

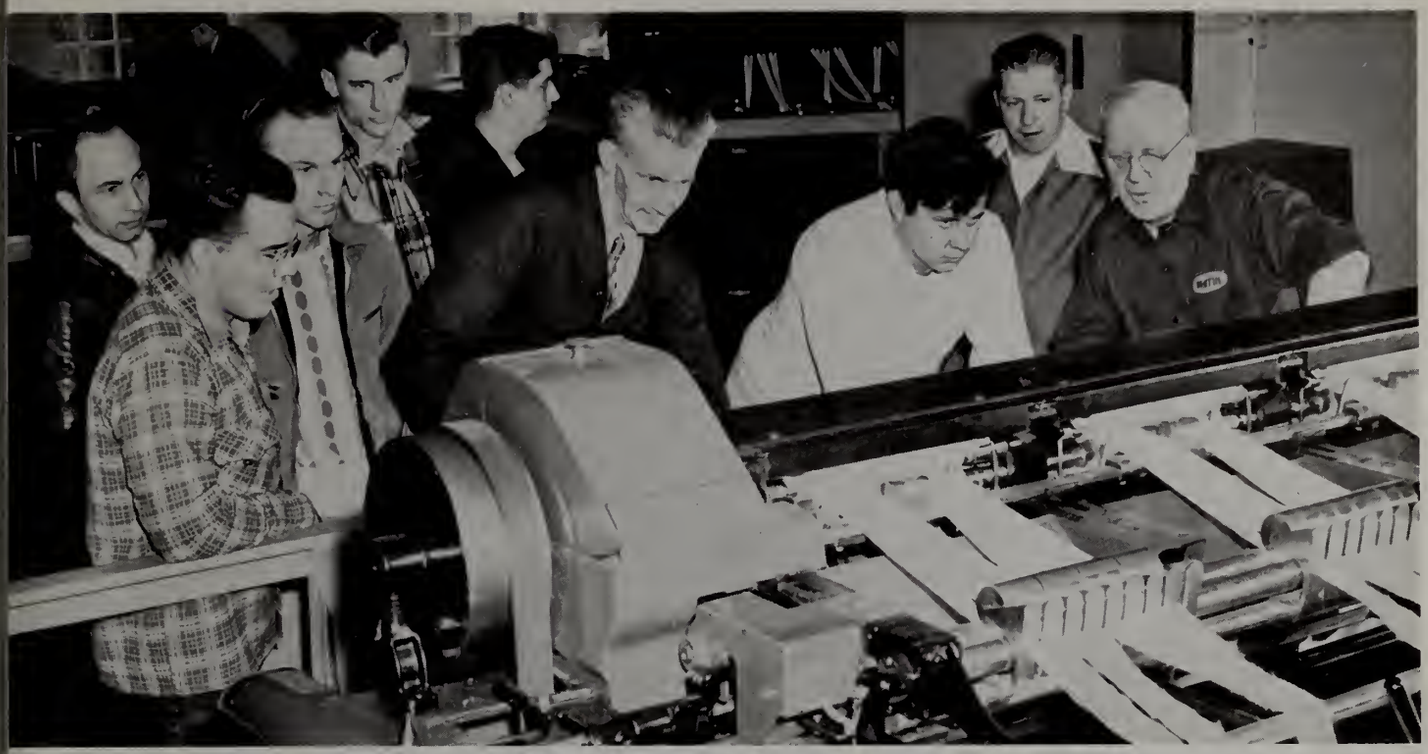
As the visitors entered the office building of the Research Division they were welcomed by members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the opening,

*The women spent a great deal of time inspecting the fabrics made on the Tricot Knitting machine*

*Above: While explaining how fancy yarns are made, Malcolm Landry shows his interested visitors a few samples*

*At left: A 200-pound cake, an exact replica of the building, was on display. At the close of the exhibition, the cake was donated to the veterans at the Cushing Hospital*

*Below: Onesime Jacques getting the cotton ready to feed into the Blending machines*



*Above: This group is watching the Drawing frame mix a number of slivers together to form a single sliver in preparation for the Roving operation*

*At right: After the cotton has been cleaned and the fibers separated from each other in the Blending and Picking machines, it passes through the Card where more dirt and very short fibers are removed. The process of straightening the fibers out so that they lie parallel to each other also begins here. Frank Kelliher explains the process while his visitors listen*

and presented a key tag, a souvenir of the exhibit. The Research building was shown on one side of the tag and the date of the opening on the reverse side.

At the start of the tour, the visitors first inspected the new and attractively furnished reception room, conference room, and library. They then proceeded to the lower floor where they saw in operation, Schweiter-Winders, a Tricot Knitting machine, Flat Cards, a complete line of Opening equipment connected with a One-Process Picker, a Wool Spinning frame and a 3-Cylinder Card set.

The second floor equipment comprised Combing, Drawing, Roving, Spinning, and Twisting machines, as well as a display of repair parts. The fiber testing laboratory is also located on the second floor.

In addition to identifying each machine with a large placard, company officials and machine operators explained the operations of the textile machines on exhibit.

At the end of the inspection tour refreshments were served to the visitors.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the official opening of the Division included Erik O. Pierson and George F. McRoberts, co-chairmen; J. Hugh Bolton, Deane A. Cabot, Robert J. McConnell, Harry Moss, Robert A. Hargreaves, John H. Cunningham, James C. Rankine, Robert Wilson, Philip B. Walker, Frank N. Stone, Norman Wright, and Ralph E. Lincoln.

*A few of our Main Office staff are shown watching the Long Draft Roving frame in operation. Robert Hargreaves, on the left, manager of the Synthetic Yarn Division, explained how this machine processes long staple synthetic fibers, worsteds or blends*

*The repair parts booth as it was exhibited at the American Textile Show in Atlantic City. Albin Nelson, on the left, explaining the functions of the Repair Department*

# Whitin Opens New Research Division

*(Continued)*

*"So that's how it works," said one of our Whitin people as he leaned over the rail for a better look at the wool Spinning frame. John O'Brien is the operator*

*The throstle Spinning frame built about 1822 by the Merrimack Machine Shop of Lowell gave the visitors an opportunity to compare the old with the new*

*Top: On the Twister, several yarns are twisted together to give greater strength or to create specially colored yarns. There are several familiar faces in this photograph*

*Left center: The winder is a special machine used to wind the yarn on the small filling bobbins that are used in the loom shuttle for making the crosswise threads in a cloth. Myron Chace, center, explains the operation of the machine*

*Right center: The Tricot Knitting machine with its 2,000 to 5,000 needles loops and knots threads to form a cloth more rapidly than it can be woven on a loom. The visitors found this machine to be one of the most interesting on exhibit*

*Right: Everyone enjoyed the refreshments at the end of the tour*

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## ARE YOU DRIFTING?

Did you ever sit back and ask yourself—"Am I just drifting along, getting nowhere—or am I really going places?"

We all have probably asked ourselves that question from time to time, because most all of us are ambitious enough to want to get some place in this great world of ours.

What's the answer—"Are you drifting—or going places?"

Well, we can't give you a complete answer. But we can point out this much to you. Thoughtful folks get ahead. Thoughtless folks stay behind.

Think it over! If you're the kind of person who uses his head—who thinks things through—who makes sure he's right—who's looking for new and better ways—you're going to make progress.

If you're thoughtless—if you don't use your head—you're just not going to get any place.

The folks who go places are the ones who use their heads.

FRONT COVER: When we see the Whitinsville Sea Scouts in their training boat on the Meadow Pond, we know that summer isn't too far away. The Sea Scout base is located on the east side of the pond. The commander of the unit is Thomas Frieswyk of the Electrical Department.

# *Whitin Personality*

MURRAY WHITIN KEELER was born in Whitinsville in 1909. Upon completion of his schooling he entered the employ of the Whitin Machine Works and served in various capacities until 1938, when he was assigned to his present position with the Cotton and Spun Rayon Sales Division. Between 1929 and 1933 he worked in many of the Shop departments and became thoroughly familiar with machine shop practice. In 1933 he became a service man on Super-Draft Roving and was assigned to our Southern Office. After 1938, in addition to his sales work throughout the Atlanta district, he was engaged in cotton machinery research work.

Murray is an aviator and served in 1941 as a pilot with the Civil Air Patrol in Virginia. Between 1943 and 1946 he served with the U. S. Army in the Aleutians. Murray has had a pilot's license since 1929 and now uses his skills as an aviator by covering his sales territory, from Virginia to Canada, by plane.

In March, 1948, Murray was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Whitin Machine Works.

Murray's favorite sports are hunting, fishing and sailing off the coast of Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Despite the fact that he covers so much territory, Murray always likes to return to Whitinsville, his home. He resides with his mother.

# Have *YOU* Got What It Takes?

The subject of their new foreman came up almost at once as Joe and Larry sat down together for the noonday break and food.

"Well," Larry began, "I'll say one thing—old Jake's hat still fits him."

"And why shouldn't it?" Joe wanted to know. "He's just the same guy—no different from you or me, or anybody else."

"Except," Larry amended, "that he managed to put a little extra something on the ball, and got to be foreman."

"He's no smarter than I am," Joe went on. "One of these days—or nights, I mean—I'm going to start studying for a foremanship myself."

"Well, it's a free country and a guy can get as far as he wants to get if he's got the stuff it takes," said Larry. "In fact," Larry continued, "I think I'll do some studying, too. I'm not going to kid myself that you get to be foreman because somebody likes the color of your eyes. You've got to have, or get, that extra something—savvy, or whatever you want to call it. And you've got to be ready to take on the extra load of responsibility and risk."

"I'll buy that," said Joe. "Right now, though, I'll match you for who buys the cigars!"

Education is not everything, but it is a great help in many jobs. Fortunately, today there are ways for a person to "catch up" on education he missed earlier. Many Whitin folk are furthering their education through the facilities offered by our apprentice school in both day and night classes. Some are taking special courses from correspondence schools, while others are taking advantage of the large selection of books that are available to them in our own Whitinsville Social Library. These books, in the library, are extremely helpful to a person who is interested in learning a new trade or to anyone who wants to learn more about textiles and the functions of a machine shop.

There are three shelves of books which are devoted entirely to the trades in general. A few of the books, for example, cover toolmaking, applied electricity, machine shop methods, modern shop practices and jig making. Of course, there are many other books about other trades, too.

In the Textile Section you can find up-to-date books on fabrics, fibers and applied textiles.

Our library has one of the most complete sections on machine shop practices and textiles of any library in Central Massachusetts. Miss Pope, our librarian, is always pleased to assist anyone in his search for information on any subject. In some cases, where the library does not have material covering a certain subject, Miss Pope, often upon request, will purchase these specialized books for the library files.

Our Whitinsville Social Library contains a wealth of reading and learning material. If you are studying or are interested in a particular subject revolving around machine shop work or textiles, and need information or reference, why not stop in at the library and look around. We know that the staff will give your problem its interest and attention.

*Harold Miller, Apprentice, is only one of many who takes advantage of the large array of books available on Machine Shop Practices and Textiles in our Whitinsville Social Library*

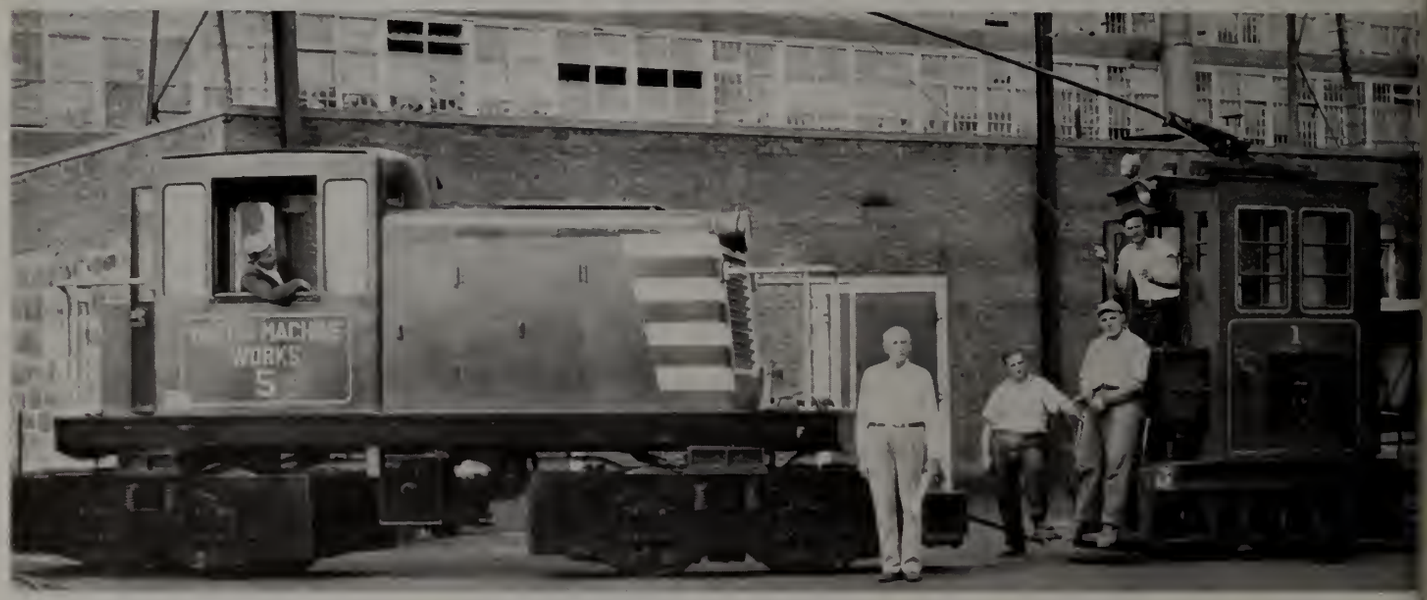
*Sadie Laferriere, of the Jobbing Department, samples the refreshing water at one of the 83 new Westinghouse electric refrigerated drinking fountains recently installed in the Shop*

We all know from experience in this and other successful companies that a large part of the Company's yearly earnings must be plowed back into the business to take care of improvements, expansion and replacements. This is a sound business policy which must be adopted for the future security of the business and the security of the Whitin employees in their jobs. The managers of the Whitin Machine Works have a long-range view and have definite plans now for the use of much of the Company's earnings for current and future renovations and improvements throughout the plant.

In addition to rebuilding the Main Office, Sales Department, and Engineering Department, the Company has also completely renovated the Stone Mill to house our new Research Division. In our Main Office building the Company has installed an entirely new and up-to-date photographic laboratory. Within the plant itself, many new production machines have been set up and put in operation. In the Power House, a new boiler (capable of generating 85,000 pounds of steam per hour at a pressure of 450 pounds per square inch at 750° Fahrenheit) as well as a new turbogenerator having a capacity of 5,500 horsepower, have been installed.

The foregoing are only a few of the many changes and improvements which are constantly being made to keep your plant an up-to-date and efficient organization producing the finest textile machinery which is eagerly purchased in a competitive market.

# Whitin Invests in the Future




*The old and the new. . . . On the left is one of the three new 2300-ton, 150 horsepower General Electric diesels now being used in our main yard. The six-ton, 50 horsepower locomotive on the right, built in 1910 by Whitin with GE parts, is the only one of its type in the yard and has been affectionately nicknamed "Rosie." On the left, Anthony Campo operator; center, Mr. Meader, now retired, who looked over the new diesel while visiting the plant; standing on the right of the photograph are Leo Tessier, brakeman, Ross Rajotte helper, and Fred Goulet, operator*

*The Engineering Department was recently remodeled throughout. New floor area and five new offices were provided, and a new lighting system was installed. The Department was furnished also with a new, expensive blueprinting machine and with new drawing boards and stations*

*Operator of this new 5850 pound Clarktor machine, Albert Planeuf, is shown hauling a load of birch planks, as Cliff Kelley, foreman of the lower yard, looks on*

*Below: The primary purpose of the Master List Department, when it was organized in 1926, was to list and print complete and accurate records of all machinery purchased by our customers. At that time the Department used one compotype machine and one multigraph machine. Today the printing branch of the Master List Department boasts six of each of these machines, a new addressograph machine, a multilith machine, and electromatic typewriters. Further progress is being made in the IBM field—five new machines have been recently added to the present equipment. The department started with two people and today the new quarters (shown below) are occupied by the 18 people who are now in the printing branch*

# SERVING OUR COUNTRY

A total of 207 men from the Whitin Machine Works and the Town of Northbridge are now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

*S/Sgt. Michael P. Johnson, second from the left, son of Peter Johnson, Department 406 Stockroom attendant, is now stationed in Korea. Sgt. Johnson was recalled to active duty in October 1950*

*Henry Blanchette, son of Alphege Blanchette, foreman of the Box Job, is a radio operator aboard the U.S.S. Norris. This destroyer recently returned to Newport, R. I. after service in Korea*

### Whitin Men in the Armed Forces

Peter Andonian
Hermand D. Arnold
Frank Aspinwall
Joseph R. Autotte

John F. Baker
Herbert L. Balcome
Leonard Baldwin, Jr.
Thaddeus Baldyga
Frederick W. Barr
John F. Bartlett
Harry Bedoian
Richard F. Belhumeur
Anthony J. Bellione
Arthur Bessette
Robert B. Bethel
Francis S. Bis
William Bishop
John T. Blanchard
Dominic R. Bombredi
Robert O. Braman
Ernest A. Brissette
Albert Brodeur
Gerard N. Brouillette
Philip H. Brown
Arthur Bruneau
George P. Burgess, Jr.
Raymond W. Burke
Anthony Butler
Brendan M. Byrne

Henry M. Cahill
Melvin C. Calhoun
Wilfred N. Cartier
James F. Casey, Jr.
William T. Cassidy
Hector W. Chausse
Walter Cimochowski
Andre E. Cloutier
Bernard T. Cournoyer
Harry F. Czerkowicz

William V. Dandy
Arthur C. Davis, Jr.
Salvatore D. W. DiCillo
John F. Dominick
Donald F. Dow
John F. Drainville
Oscar Drescher, Jr.
Philip Dube
Armand J. Dumas

Garrit Ebbeling, Jr.
Alfred W. Erlandson

Louis A. Esposito
Michael Ezzo, Jr.

Richard Flinton
Paul G. Fontaine

Walter H. Gardner
Florian J. Gareau
Norman Gaudet
Donald E. Gauthier
Raymond F. Gauvin
Joseph F. Gavlak
Clayton H. Gelinas
Normand R. Gelinas
John Gigarjian
Robert H. Girard
David J. Giroux
Ernest R. Glode
William P. Goss
John W. Grzyb, Jr.
Edgar O. Guertin
Normand Guilmain
Leon J. Guyette

John J. Hall
Robert L. Hamel
Merrill W. Harris
Roland J. Heroux
Henry P. Holubeski
Francis B. Hurst, Jr.

Francis E. Jacobs
Arthur E. Johnson
Francis A. Joslin
Edward R. Jussaume, Jr.

Jeremiah J. Kane
John H. Karagosian
Harold Kavonian
Serop S. Kazanjian
Willis H. Kemp, Jr.
Donald A. King
Earl C. King
John Kozij
James F. Kramer
Everett G. Kuindersma
John Kulungian
Donald K. Kusiak
Stephen Kwiecinski

Gerard J. Lamontagne
Arthur W. Langelier, Jr.
Joseph A. Laramee
Laurent E. Lavallee
Gerald Lawrence
Emile Leboeuf
Roland E. Legare
John F. Lennon
Irving W. Lightbown

Peter A. McCollum, Jr.
Robert McFarlane
James C. McQuilkin
James L. Magowan
Arthur G. Malo
Robert E. Maloney
Jerome N. Mandeville
Joseph P. Martin
Kenneth R. Mattson

Thomas J. Melia, Jr.
George K. Merchant
Laurier R. Metevier
William G. Morway
John J. Mullaly
William C. Mulligan
Milton E. Murray

Harry Osterman

Robert J. Pariseau
Everett Parker
Alfred L. Patenaude
Romeo J. Peloquin
Normand M. Perras
Wilbert E. Perras
Eugene Pierce
Wilfred V. Plummer
Eugene A. Pouliot
Leslie A. Preston
Stanley Przybyla

Robert M. Racicot
Kenneth M. Rae
Benjamin V. Reed
Thomas A. Roche
Gerard E. Roy
Remi G. Roy
Frank Ruo, Jr.
James L. Ryan, Jr.
William Ryan

Raymond St. Jean
Nicholas L. Sacco
George J. Salome
Raymond B. Schotanus
Walter R. Sederback
Marsis Shahinian
John Sharkey
Walter R. Shugrue
Leon R. Simmons
Lewis W. Smith
David F. Sprague
Norman N. Spratt
Donald E. Sullivan
Thomas C. Sweeney

Thomas C. Tetlow
Ralph N. Therien
Edward Turcotte

William H. VanNess, Jr.
Joseph F. Vincent
Alfred J. Violette
Cornelius N. Visbeck

Leonard J. White
Stuart K. White
John W. Wright, Jr.

Frank J. Zajone

### Northbridge Men Not Employed by Whitin

Robert L. Barry
Donald J. Bronson
Leonard T. Boutiette

Francis Cassidy
James Cassidy
George R. Clark
Tomas A. Conlee

Nelson A. Daigle
Raymond B. Demague
Harvey H. Dion
Nishan Donerian
Norman W. Dupont

William J. Farland, Jr.
Philip Feddema
Andrew J. Fitzgerald
James Fullerton

Paul Gendron
Normand Gosselin
Roland Gosselin

Andrew D. Hammond
James Haringa
Owen C. Harper
John Hulitsky

Joseph G. Jacques
Harold R. Jongsma

Walter F. Lawton, Jr.
Alcede R. Leclerc
Lionel J. Leclerc
Steven J. Leshenski
Norman Lobelle
Normand R. Lussier

Hyke D. Markarian
John Matkowski
Raymond S. McQuade

Ernest Osterman

David J. Poole

Arra Shahonian
Mike Shamshoian
Robert F. Shugrue

Donald R. Taft
Roger W. Thibault
Floyd Twight

*This information was compiled by our own Personnel Department and local Draft Board. It is believed to be complete as of April 2.*

# *Hobby—*

# Shooting with Color

Kenneth Stanley's hobby is photographing with color. He started his hobby about four years ago when his daughter Gayle was a baby; to date he has about 300 color transparencies. Kenneth's favorite subject is, of course, his little captivating, blonde daughter. The picture of Gayle blowing bubbles on a summer's day in the flower garden is a picture which should win first prize in any photo contest. The picture clearly shows the cloudless blue sky, the dark green grass, the maze of color in the garden, little Gayle with her blonde curls gracefully ruffled by the breeze and the iridescent bubbles, which she is blowing, floating over the flower beds.

Within the past two years Ken has been experimenting with colored shots of sunsets, autumn scenes and outside Christmas scenes. To capture an autumn scene on film, Ken often has to row a boat or dance about on slippery, wet stones while balancing a camera in his hands. The results are worth it, though. His sunset scenes are a little difficult to describe . . . you would really have to see them to fully appreciate their beauty and art. There is one in his collection, however, which is particularly dramatic. Kenneth's picture shows a house silhouetted against a fiery red sky. When looking at the picture, you imagine yourself looking into a blazing pit. Ken has several excellent pictures of outside Christmas decorations. Before taking a picture of anyone's house or trees, he always asks the owner's permission—it usually turns out that the owner wants a picture and Kenneth, in turn, obliges.

Of course, our hobbyist has many other pictures of interest. He has photographed dog show winners, parades, and points of interest such as West Point. Kenneth's most unusual picture is the one which he took at baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N. Y. He photographed a wall picture of a crowd of spectators at a big-league ball park in the early twenties, judging from the wearing apparel. When looking at this picture for the first time you are convinced that this is an actual snapshot of a park full of baseball fans and you remain convinced until you glance down in the left-hand corner of the picture and discover the artist's name. This drawing, by the way, has appeared on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post.*

Ken is often asked to provide entertainment for church groups and clubs by showing pictures from his collection. For one who is an amateur photographer, he is tops.

*Ken Stanley projecting a few of his favorite kodachrome slides on a beaded screen*

*GRINDER JOB—THE CHAMPIONS. Seated: William Markarian. Standing, left to right: Ralph Nolet, Richard Frieswyck, Raymond C. Roy, William G. Demague, Philip Rae*

*Below: TIN CYLINDERS. Front, left to right: Albert "Bob" Lesco, Reginald J. Demague. Back, left to right: Donald White, Anthony Campo, Jr., Frank DeJong*

*ROLL JOB. Seated: Henry Cornell. Standing, left to right: Frank Bosma, Chester Flinton, John Onanian*

*OFFICE. Left to right: Angus Parker, Sr., Louis Lucier, Robert English, Harley Simmons, John Mahoney, Jr.*

# Grinders Win Bowling Championship

By Henry Crawford

The Whitin Shop Bowling League completed its 32nd season Wednesday night, April 11, when the Grinder Job, winners of the second half, defeated the Spindle Job, winners of the first half, at the Spare Time Alleys in a rolloff for the championship.

The Spindle Job won the first half without too much opposition, but it was necessary for the Grinders and Apprentices to roll off to decide the winner of the second half. The first two strings were hotly contested, with only six pins separating the two teams, but the Grinder Job poured it on in the third string and managed to win by about 50 pins.

On the whole the bowling was not up to that of other years. The best individual effort was saved for the final night when Phil Rae, the league's leading bowler, hit a single of 145 and a three string total of 378. Phil tied together six spares in one string in hitting the high three string total of the year.

*SPINNING JOB. Left to right: John Spencer, J. Francis Forsythe. Rear: James Buckley, Edmund Plante, Raymond C. Sotek*

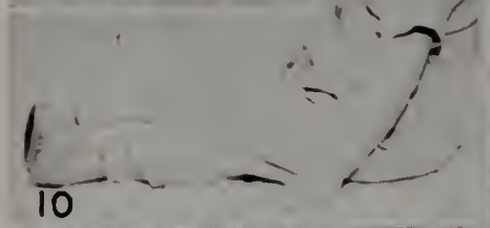
*FREIGHT OFFICE. Seated: Clyde Gould. Standing, left to right: Richard H. Benner, Clarence Bisson, Henry S. Crawford, Raymond DeJordy*

A number of familiar faces were missing this year due to the fact that three of last year's teams dropped from the league, but their replacements, the Apprentices, Spinning and Tin Cylinder teams helped to round out a well-balanced league. With three weeks to go in the second half six teams were separated by only four points.

The annual banquet was held at the Colonial Club in Webster, at which time, members of management were guests of the league. During the festivities the championship trophy was awarded to the Grinder Job and cash prizes were presented to individuals and teams.

*APPRENTICES. Seated: Luke Lomartire. Standing, left to right: Wayne Burroughs, Harmon Miedema, Robert Shaw, Joseph Zanchetti*

*SPINDLE JOB—RUNNERS-UP. Left to right: Victor E. Gervais, Chester Jones, Bennie Mezynski, Paul Mathieu, Ernest E. Conrad, Arthur Kershaw*



1. Barbara, Tommie, Linda and Brenda are the children of Harry F. Colton, Sr., who is a repair man on the Tool Job. **2.** Carolyn Deborah Conary is the nine-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Conary, Jr. Her dad works at Crib 11. **3.** Karen and Wayne Hoyle, children of John Hoyle, Ring Job. **4, 5.** Sandra Jane Bates and Edward A. Bates, Jr., are the children of Edward Bates of Department 439. **6, 7.** Barbara Ann Vander Loop and Robert Louis Vander Loop are the children of Louis J. Vander Loop, Central Planner, Production Office, and the great-grandchildren of Adah Gough of Department 460. **8.** Kathleen and Linda Francoeur are the children of Arthur Francoeur, Department 416. **9.** Dominic, Jr., age four, and Peter, age 10, sons of Dominic Dimarco, Department 408 truck driver, enjoying a nice Christmas. **10.** "Pinky" Scott is the daughter of Joe Scott of Department 440. **11.** Bradley Philbrook is the six-month-old grandson of Clara Shaharian of the Cast Iron Room. **12, 13.** Linda Marie and Richard Irwin are the grandchildren of Harry Thompson of the Gear Job. **14.** Robert Gauthier is the son of Kenneth Gauthier of Department 433. **15.** Admiring his tree is Donald, son of Arthur Mossey of Department 453. **16.** "Happy New Year," says Mike John Niro, seven-and-one-half-month-old son of John Niro, Inspector, Department 408. **17.** This vivacious little

You

miss is Marilyn Morris of Rosemead, Calif., whose aunt, Mrs. Cameron, is with Department 433. **18.** William H. Clarke, Jr., is two years old and the son of William H. Clarke of the Gear Job. **19.** This gun-totin' pardner is William A. Spratt III, age four and one-half, son of James and Agnes Spratt of the Gear Job. **20.** Sharon Leigh Elliott is the eight-month-old daughter of Edwin Elliott of Department 453. **21.** Eugean J. LaCour's Dad, Girard C. LaCour, is in the Foundry. **22.** Suzanne Lapierre is the daughter of Mrs. Roland Lapierre of Uxbridge, a Production Clerk at Department 408. **23.** Bobby and Christine Giampetoio are the grandchildren of Margaret Devlin of the Spindle Job. **24.** Alan Landry is the son of Joseph Landry, Department 453. **25, 26.** Brian, age six, and Philip, age nine, are the handsome sons of Joseph Bouley of the Tool Job. **27.** Dianne and Deborah Vincent are the grandchildren of George Vincent of the Milling Job. **28.** One-year-old Ruth Louise Wassenaar is the daughter of Jacob Wassenaar of the Spindle Job. **29.** Mary Beth, age one, and Bruce, age two and one-half, are the children of William Metcalf of Department 408. **30.** Lorna Phylis, age two, is the daughter of Anzo Pierdominici who works in the crib on the Milling Job.

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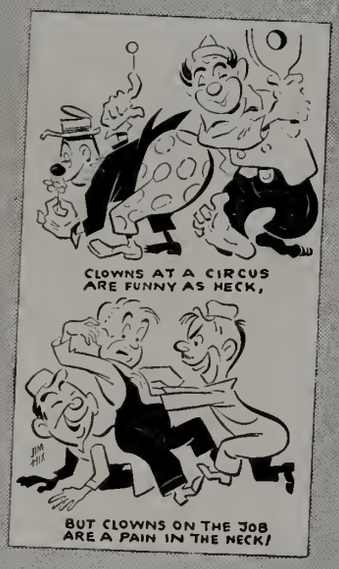


*The sum total of the common sense of the common people is the greatest and soundest force on earth.*—Thomas Jefferson

*Waste is worse than loss. The time is coming when every person who lays claim to ability, will keep the question of waste before him constantly. The scope of thrift is limitless.*—Thomas A. Edison

In the old days we observed how tough a man was by the number of nicks in his gun. Today it's determined by the number of nicks in his automobile fenders.

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A motorist had just crashed into a telephone pole. Wires, pole, everything came down around his ears. As rescuers untangled him from the wreckage, he reached out feebly, fingered the wires, and murmured, "Thank heaven I lived clean. They've given me a harp."

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A feminine passenger had boarded the bus after the lights had gone out. A tall man standing near her asked if he could help her find a strap.

"Thank you," she replied, "but I have already found one."

"Then, I wonder if you would mind letting go of my necktie?"

* * *

One winter morning a snail started to climb a cherry tree. He was laboriously inching his way up when a smart-alec beetle stuck his head out of a crack in the tree and said, "Hey, y'dope, you're knocking yourself out for nothing. There ain't no cherries up there."

"Don't let it worry you, bub," snapped the snail. "There will be cherries when I get there."

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Strange how typographical errors in the news sometimes bring out the real truth in an item. The following appeared in a Kansas newspaper: "The doctor felt the patient's purse and announced there was no hope."

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"Brothers," said the colored preacher, "the subject of mah sermon today is liars. How many in dis congregation have read the 69th chapter of Matthew?" Nearly every hand went up.

"You is de people ah wants to preach to," the Reverend said. "Dere is no such chapter."

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"These old trousers may be helpful to you," said the kind old lady. "All they need is a little mending."

"That's fine," said the tramp, "I'll call back for them in half an hour."

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A Kentucky colonel always closed his eyes when he took a drink. When questioned concerning this habit, he explained: "The sight of good licah, suh," he said, "always makes my mouth water, and I do not care to dilute my drink!"

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"What do you think of a man who constantly deceives his wife?"

"I think he's a genius."

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Peak of embarrassment: When two eyes meet through the same keyhole.

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A too generous drinking fountain has this sign pinned above it: "Old Faceful . . . Handle with Care."

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*Smith:* "Well, I must go home and explain things to my wife."

*Brown:* "What things?"

*Smith:* "How do I know?"

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*Doctor:* "And there's really no reason to worry about that habit of talking to yourself."

*Patient:* "Perhaps not, but I'm such a bore."

# Women's Page

## How to Buy Furniture

Wood is the principal material you buy when you acquire a piece of furniture. To be specific, we shall confine the discussion to mahogany furniture, as basic information on mahogany will be useful in judging quality and value in other kinds of wood furniture. There are only five cabinet woods used in volume in this country which are available in both lumber and veneer form. These are mahogany, walnut, oak, maple and birch. Most furniture is made of both solid lumber and veneer panels. Legs and other frame parts are of lumber while the larger surfaces such as tops and fronts are of plywood. Plywood made with modern glues and processes is very much a quality product.

In addition to examining the wood, the buyer should take note of drawer pulls and hinges. Find out if they are solid brass or only plated or of brittle plastic. If leather is used, be sure it is top grain leather and that glass is plate, not defective window glass. Smooth turnings and sharp, clean carvings indicate good cabinet-making. Make sure that the carvings are real and not formed from composition materials. Joints should be tight fitting. Glue and screws, rather than nails, indicate quality. Get a slanting light on veneered tops. If there are depressions, it means defective material or poor workmanship in making the panel. Examine drawers. Note whether dovetail joints are tight, clean and smooth. See if the drawer sides and bottoms are smooth and well finished. It is a good test to pull out drawers by one handle. If they come out and go back easily, they are well made and fitted. If they slip out of line and bind, they are not so good. Center drawer slides are standard for everything except the poorest construction. It is well to test a piece to see if it is tightly put together and rigid. Excess glue and dirty corners indicate hasty construction. Examine legs and see if the wood is straight-grained. Cross-grained legs are easily broken. Chair bottoms are usually covered with black goods but, if exposed, corner joints should be ample in size, well fitted and fastened with screws. If the interior "dust-proofing" of a case is cardboard instead of plywood, that does not bespeak quality. When decorations on low priced furniture appear to be design inlays or highly figured woods, make sure they are not just plastic film pictures. These are lifeless and do not show changing highlights as the angle of vision is changed.

*This dual-purpose cabinet—desk and storage space—is of modern design and made of honey-toned mahogany*

In spite of the fact that finish is something one can see and examine, it is very difficult to judge its quality and durability. In really top grade furniture one may take the finish for granted. In low priced furniture there are great variations in quality. Deeply stained finishes on such a wood as mahogany should be avoided unless used to produce the currently popular "Cordovan" finish. Normally a dark finish is dull and lifeless. It tends to lessen or mask the real beauty of the wood. Thick shiny finishes are not good. A finish should be *in* the wood rather than *on* the wood. Since it is so difficult to judge the real quality of a finish, it is well to ask a lot of questions about it.

*A bow-front commode will fit into living room or hall, dining or bedroom*

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### THE MAHOGANY TREE

**Are there any Mahogany forests?**

None. Mahogany grows as scattered trees in the tropical jungle. An average of two trees to the acre is considered a good stand. In most operations in these acres, only Mahogany trees are cut.

**How old are Mahogany trees?**

Forest grown trees range from 150 to 250 years; overmature trees may reach twice that age.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## GEAR JOB

*by Agnes Spratt*

The boys on Department 420 are patiently waiting for May 28 to arrive. On that night, they are scheduled to attend the first of a series of ball games. . . . Alvin "Chick" Winchell goes in for sports with a grand splash! On the 14th of April, the softball team was out for an afternoon of practice. All was rather quiet until "Chick" accidentally fell into a puddle of water while trying to catch the ball (he missed the ball at that)!

Doris Audet, our former reporter, has left our department to devote all of her time to her domestic duties. We wish her every success and sincerely miss her. . . . James Casey, the assistant to our reporter, has left to give Uncle Sam a hand. He is now stationed at Bedford and will soon leave for Texas.

Lucien Vivequin certainly started off on the right foot one recent Thursday. He had a dress shoe on it and on the poor left foot was an ordinary work shoe. . . . Fred Erickson certainly looks sharp in that new Chevrolet club coupé.

## GRINDER JOB

*by Dorothy Antoian*

George Moran, William Todd, Beatrice Winchell, Jeannette Sisoian, Mabel Newton, Robert Burns and Dave Blakely were many of those whom I saw touring the Research Division from the department. I also saw "Red" Pope who worked here before going to Florida. "Red" is now employed at the Warehouse, and sends his regards to all of his friends. . . . How did Virginia Burke sneak her birthday by unnoticed? She celebrated on March 11.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gauvin, who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on April 19. . . . Three men from the night shift have departed—John Lougie, Abraham Lecour and G. Rocheleau; Russell Claflin is no longer with us on the day shift. . . . Donald Laliberty has transferred from trucking to inspection. . . . Edward Fisher, the new inspector, is said to resemble Charles Barney.

Fred Bouffard, big game hunter, has already trapped two ferocious looking mice (the larger mouse measured three inches), so he is now considering leading expeditions into Africa. . . . Several weeks ago one of the night men was grinning from ear to ear and it was a while before he was recognized. Archie Jacobs was displaying his new plates.

We all extend our congratulations to the Grinder Job bowling team who won the championship in the shop league. The team, consisting of Bill Markarian, Phil Rae (electrician), Ralph Nolet (Box Job), Ray Roy, William Demague (Polishing Job) and Dick Frieswyck, will be awarded a trophy at the annual banquet. The fellows wound up the season by winning three roll-offs in as many days.

## PURCHASE-INSPECTION, DRILLING AND JOBBING DEPARTMENTS

*by Frances Kenney*

The welcome mat is out for Albert La Prade and Donald Dumas. Donald formerly worked in the Foundry Office. . . . Birthdays for the month are Stanley Ziemba and Eileen Hartshorn. . . . Irwin Smith of Department 489 has joined the Army Air Corps; we wish him the best of luck. . . . Ray Tomkiewicz has left Department 425 to work on the Packing Job. We hope that you like your new work, Ray.

William Boudreau received his 25-year pin from Mr. Bolton, Mr. Pierson and Mr. Cunningham. . . . Alphonse Berthelette has returned from a two weeks' cruise with the Naval Reserve.

*There are 17 departments represented in the new Whitin Interdepartment Softball League which was organized last month. The managers met with Mike Marker, director of the Whitin Community Association, to discuss plans for the season. Seated, from the left: Edmund Leduc, 431; Joe Guidi, 404; Louis Vermette, 453; Dorsey Devlin, 465; Ray Woodcome, 414; and "Chick" Winchell, 420. Standing, from the left: Nick Rossetti, Crib No. 5; James Fallow, 405; James Maffia, 404; Henry Audette, 434; Louis Chouinard, 453; Kenneth Gauthier, 448; James Buckley, 429; and Director Mike Marker*

## WINDER JOB

*by Floyd Gudanowski*

Our personality this month is Oscar Ampagoonian, one of the most jolly workers on the Job. He never calls a day complete until he has personally greeted everyone on the Job with his familiar "Hello, boy." Oscar was born in Armenia in 1895 and came to America for the first time in 1913. He came to the Shop and worked for four years as a moulder in the Foundry. In 1917 he joined the French Foreign Legion and served for three years in Palestine as a first class private; he came back to this country for the second time in 1920 and returned to his same job. He was transferred to the Winders in 1943 and has been the operator of the Cam Cutting machines. Oscar is very active in social affairs holding memberships in the ARF and PAA clubs. He is also a very enthusiastic card player; his one great ambition is to some day be able to "catch the five." Oscar is the father of three sons, one who is on active duty with the armed forces in Korea. Most of Oscar's spare time is taken up by two lovely grandchildren.

Each October you swear you will never do it again, but around the middle of April you get that same old feeling that the Red Sox can't miss this time! So you pick them to win and wait for the roof to fall in next September; purely as a precautionary measure "I refuse to answer the next question on the grounds it may incriminate me." . . . The Winders have cast their lot as potential pennant contenders in the newly formed shop softball league. Coach DeGaetano has his charges working out daily at noon and our first game will be on the road in Rockdale. The team will be divided into two squads and those that wish to fly will leave the Castle Hill Farm Airport on the day of the game and those that take the Pullman will leave the Linwood Station a day before the game. When asked for a prediction, "Sooey" said "I can't see where I'll lose more than one game."

Welcome back to the Job, Henry Jacques, Rita Skinyon and Betty Butler, all who have been out with injuries and illness. A speedy recovery to Joe Monfreda who underwent a minor operation.

A double shower was held May 5 at the Odd Fellows Hall for Kay Kane and John Meagher, both of this department. Kay was also honored guest at a party May 9 at the Colonial Club in Webster. She was presented a purse of money by the girls on the Job; the Winder Job was well represented at both affairs and everyone had an enjoyable time.

New faces on the Job belong to Joseph Menard and Jerry Cardone on the day shift and Frank Warren on nights. Also, Sadie Laferriere joined the office. . . . New additions to the Les Nutting farm include 20 brand-new "pork chops" born last month. . . . We understand that Carl Nyquist finally found a car that was built stronger than a Ford. . . . Bob Conley decided the easiest road to heaven is by climbing the hook and ladder truck, so he joined the Manchaug Fire Department. If he's seen putting out a fire, it really isn't so!

*Joseph Kosiba, foreman at Uxbridge Worsted Mills, was the lucky fisherman who caught the largest trout at Riley's Pond on Derby Day, April 7. Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, president of the Whitin Machine Works, who donated a five ounce Montague rod complete with automatic reel, nylon line and nylon leaders, is shown presenting the gift. Three hundred and thirty trout were caught by the 500 fishermen who were present at opening day; the average fish was between 11 and 18 inches in length*

## SCREW MACHINE DEPARTMENT

*by Connie Campo*

Congratulations to Bill Swift who received his 30-year pin this month. . . . Out sick this month are Frank Blakely and Francis Kane. We hope to have them back with us before long. . . . Motorists, watch out for pedestrians! Susan Susienka got in the way of a car and we hear the car got the worst of it. All kidding aside, we are glad to have Susie back with us after an absence of two weeks. Susie was in such a hurry to get home one night that, when she got off her bus, she ran in front of it and got hit by a car. We don't think Susie will do that again. . . . We would like to welcome Gerald Riendeau, L. R. Lemay, John S. Hoar, Leon Dumais to our day shift and W. Szymanski, Adelard Riendeau, Joseph Levesque, and G. Choiniere to our night shift.

## CARDS—SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

*by Millie Turgeon*

Our foreman, Mr. Stevenson, and his wife, were guests at a party, Saturday evening, April 14, Upton, in honor of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. They were presented many very nice gifts, and enjoyed a lovely evening. On April 17, the day of their 25th wedding anniversary, they celebrated by spending the day in Boston, doing a little shopping, enjoying a show and having their Anniversary Dinner at the Century House. May you enjoy many more anniversary years. . . . Babe Poudrier and his wife celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary, April 19, Patriots' Day. Our heartiest congratulations.

A few Sundays ago, Martin Bloem decided to watch and listen to the church services on his television. He tuned in on the services being televised from the Mt. Vernon Congregational Church in Boston. To his, and Mrs. Bloem's surprise, they spotted their own daughter, Alice, singing in the choir. Alice Bloem, some time ago, left her position in the Main Office of the W.M.W. to study classical music at the New England Conservatory of Music. She has mastered diction in six languages, namely, English, German, French, Italian, Spanish and Latin, very well and likes it very much.

Johnny Sotek and family have moved to Whitinsville, right near the fire station. Now Johnny won't have to worry about getting to work on rainy days in his "sunshine" car, or flat tires.

I hear tell Ernie Bonoyer is looking for a lot, to deal in secondhand cars. (Is so, Ernie?) He has a '36 or '37 Chevie and recently purchased a '42 Studebaker and is now trying to buy a '40 Stude.

"Chili" Contonio has left us to go into business for himself. He is running a service station up around Greendale, and so far, is doing very well. Although we miss his clowning, we do wish him lots of luck. . . . J. Henry Courchesne, the piano tuner, has also left us, to try his hand in the experimental room of Pratt-Whitney in East Hartford, Conn. He feels he will gain in experience, in a new field to him. Good luck, Henry.

Birthday greetings are extended to the following who celebrate this month. To Henry Gosselin on May 6, to Johnny Sotek

*Representing workers in the Spinning and Twisting Departments 448, 448A and 433, Robert Wilson, divisional superintendent, presented George Ferguson with a check and gifts on his retirement on March 30. Front center, left to right: Clinton White, assistant foreman; Ernest Pickup, foreman; Mr. Ferguson; and Robert Wilson*

on May 21, to J. Henry Courchesne on May 27, and to "Chick" Lavallee on May 29, we all wish you many happy returns on YOUR day.

The Whitinsville Women's Bowling League wound up its first season with the last of its matches on April 17, 1951, and the roll-off between the Sea Bees, winners of the first half, and Navy, winners of the second half, taking place April 19, with Navy coming through to take all points as well as total pinfall. Final string totals were as follows: Navy, 472–498–486—1456; Sea Bees—450–478–445—1373.

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

We hope every one who can will back up their respective teams in the industrial softball league. You can find a lot of interest and enjoyment in it. . . . Heard in and out of the Shop: Tom MacCallum picking up a box of springs, delaying the morning bus in front of his house on Hill Street. Francis Coffey, the hard luck boy for sure, after a siege of illness, returned to work only to fall and gash his arm. O.K. now, though. . . . Pete Young, vowing that his cribbage game was away off, only to find that the boys stacked the deck against him. Ben Scott, foreman of 448, and Roy Krumbholz of 433, both operated on in Memorial Hospital and having beds in the same room. . . . Bob Giacomelli, finding so many hub caps on his front lawn, is thinking about going into the wholesale business. Bob Williams tripping on his extra long shoelaces.

Sidney DeJong, Peter Frieswyck, Charles Katchigian, Fred Langlois, Mike Feen all purchased homes from the Whitin Machine Works. . . . Harold Longeway bowling in the Telegram and Gazette Tournament. Result? Never again, he claims. . . . Al Nygard, assistant foreman in the carpenter shop, having his new rowboat named "Jean C.," christened by Tom Nugent of the Arcade Store at its launching on Arcade Pond. . . . Jim Woodburn, disturbing the boys on the Screw Job, when he left his truck too near the stairs and it toppled down. . . . Jim Eastwoods' suggestion for the new extension ladder on the fire truck, being used to change the lights at the ball park. . . . Archie Bolivar's nice display of flowers on Main Street. . . . Pat Mateer trying to duplicate the same at his house. . . . Better luck for our Red Sox fans after a shaky start. . . . Bill Leaver looking for a bombproof shelter.

*Hugh Brown, Department 444, worked at his first job in the Yard at the age of 14*

Monthly Personality: Hugh Brown of Department 444 was born in Scotland in 1889 and came to this country when he was 13 years old. He went to work in the Shop yard when he was 14 years old and later started on the Roll Job. In 1920, after serving in World War I, he started to work on set-up, Card Floor, and has worked there since. Hugh is an ardent television fan and likes to work on woodwork on his machines in the basement where he has a little shop. He resides with his sister and brother on 10 Crescent Street in Whitinsville.

New men on Department 430 job: William Beaudion, H. Beaudreau, William LaPlant, Edward Jones, Stanley Krous. . . . Department 448C's April birthday celebrants: John Tebo and Francis Coffey. . . . Arthur Wright of Department 444 is on the sick list. We're looking for an early return, Arthur.

The awe-inspiring sight of 140 cars carrying 800 women, leaving Whitinsville, Sunday, April 22, on a Holy Year Pilgrimage to St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester, the Diocesan Church of Bishop Wright, then to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament on Pleasant Street where they were addressed by Monsignor Phelan, a former pastor here, then to St. John's Church, the oldest Catholic church in the Diocese and home to St. Patrick's in Whitinsville where our own Father Deery expressed his thanks for such a good turnout.

On March 30, George Ferguson was presented with a check and gifts by Robert Wilson, divisional superintendent, on behalf of George's co-workers in Departments 448, 448A and 433. Born in Whitinsville, March 10, 1875, George first started to work at Whitin on the Loom Job. After a short period, he started to serve his time as a machinist and then went to the Tool Room. George remained with the company for four years before leaving to work in Worcester for two and one-half years. Upon returning to W.M.W. he went to the Spinning Job where he became a toolmaker, and remained there for the past 44 years. George resides at the present time on High Street in town, where he lives with his sister. He tells us that he is now going to enjoy the new pipe,

pouch and tobacco given to him by the Benefit Club of 433. More power to you, George, and now that you can't see those soccer games you used to follow years ago, we hope as an ardent fan, you will enjoy the Red Sox games.

## RING JOB

*by Everett A. Gaspar*

The Ring Job Bowling League completed its season on April 6 with the following results: 1st—Grasshoppers; 2nd—Longshots; 3rd—Hornets; and 4th—Fireflies. Ernie Tremblay again led in all departments. For the second half his scores were: high three—336, high single—134 and his average was 99.7. Their banquet was held at Klondike Inn, April 19. . . . Speaking of bowling, one of our women, Marion Doble, tried out for the Gazette tournament and hit 449.

The Benefit Club held a quarterly meeting on March 21 at the Fire Station. The usual "crowd" was there—11 persons. Fred Brown was elected treasurer to succeed Robert Balcome who resigned. (A new set of by-laws was distributed to each member after this meeting, covering all revisions.) Therese Morin was in charge of refreshments which everyone enjoyed. . . . Mary West is getting to be quite a traveler. She recently flew to Jacksonville, Florida, for a three-week vacation, and a visit with her daughter, Virginia, formerly of the Ring Job. Mary has also flown to Seattle, Washington.

We have a lot of new people: Henry Plante, Charles Corbett, and Andre Lambol, of Woonsocket; Joseph Dapsis, of Oxford; Richard McCrohan, of Millville; and Victor Lussier, of

*Yvonne Guevremont, Department 437, was born and educated in Canada*

Northbridge. Henry was formerly a steamfitter; Charlie was in the restaurant business for 25 years; Joe was formerly with a construction outfit; Victor operated a variety store; and Dick came to us from Department 406. Andre Lambol was born near Brussels, Belgium, and lived there until coming to Woonsocket, three years ago. His sister married a Woonsocket fellow during the war and came here six years ago. Andre worked for a construction company before joining us. He likes this country very much and has already taken out his first citizenship papers.

We have two new car-owners—Charlie Coombs has a '48 Chevy and Ernie Dionne a '35 Chevy. . . . Our personality for this month is Yvonne Guevremont, from Canada. Yvonne was born in Sorel, Canada. She graduated from a commercial school there and later worked for the Richelieu Knitting Mills for seven years. She came to the States in 1947 to reside with her sister on Overlook Street in town, later moved with them to Providence Road in Plummers. She has been on Department 437 the entire time and says she likes it much better than her former work. Her leisure hour activities include cooking, watching TV, going to movies and since she discovered racing, can be found at tracks at every opportunity, cheering wildly.

(Editor): We apologize to Louis Laflamme for not publishing his picture last month. Louis certainly didn't look 62 years of age in the photograph submitted to us. We thought his father, who was in the same picture, was the personality referred to.

*Ben Skillen, chucking machine operator on the Automatic Chuck Job, retired in March after 37 years of service in the Whitin Machine Works. Members of the department presented him with a smoking stand, a pipe and tobacco. Jacob DeJong, divisional superintendent, is congratulating Ben on his fine service record*

## SPINDLE JOB

*by Ed Bates*

Personality: Joseph Noel, a resident of Northbridge, has worked on the Spindle Job since coming to W.M.W. November 6, 1920. His first job was pointing spindles on a lathe. He has worked on hardening steps of spindles for five years and rough straightening spindles for one year. His present work is rough pointing spindles. Joseph has three sons and one daughter. Mrs. Noel works at the Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company, his daughter works at Paul Whitin in Rockdale, one son works in W.M.W., another works in Grafton Hospital and the third son is in the Army in Germany. Joseph's hobby is woodworking.

*Joseph Noel, Spindle Job, has worked in this department since 1920*

We are glad that Anthony Chauvin, Edmond Bilodeau and Joseph Hickey are back in the department after being ill. The Spindle Job members welcome all of the new people who have joined us. . . . Cornelius Visbeck, son of Sikki Visbeck of this Job, is in the U. S. Navy and has been through France, Greece, Italy and Holland. His brother, Sidney Visbeck, of the Naval Reserves, went on a two weeks' cruise the last of March.

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

Twenty-eight years ago last March, Jack McAulay came from Boston to work in the yard for W.M.W. Recently he was transferred to Erle Simmons' department in the office.

All the boys seem to be fish-conscious these days. Most of them got off to an early start. Pete Prymak, on his first start, caught six good-sized perch and two pickerel. That's not too bad, Pete. . . . I was watching John McNelly doing a little fishing and the worms he used were almost as big as the fish he was catching. . . . John Grocki is another newcomer to the fishing pastime. John is getting his license and has big expectations. I hope they materialize. Ernest Prunier, well-known fisherman from Worcester, goes out for the big ones. You'll find him, week ends, down Cape Cod way. . . . Gordon Milkman is a little behind in getting his equipment in readiness. He says that a late start is a good finish.

I wish some of these great fishermen would take a camera along to prove their statements. When it comes to weight, a fish carries his own scales—you can't escape from that.

Any World War I widows who would be interested in forming a chapter locally may contact Mrs. J. L. Cameron, Department 448, of Linwood—phone 3265. The objective is to obtain pensions for all who may be eligible. In order to receive a pension now a qualified World War I widow must *not* be earning one thousand dollars (or more) a year. A new chapter was recently formed in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

*On Saturday, April 7, several members of Girl Scout Troop No. 9, under the leadership of Mrs. Belle Griffith, gathered at the Arcade store and hiked to the Girl Scout Camp at Meadow Pond for a steak and hamburger fry. The girls had a good time preparing their outdoor lunches over their homemade "buddy burners." (The so-called "buddy burner" has a tuna fish can for a base, a wick, cardboard, and wax for fuel, and a can for a wind protector.) It was just a quiet, enjoyable picnic until the troop encountered the Sea Scouts out on a similar excursion!*

## BOX JOB

*by Bernice Asdikian*

Of course, the highlight for most of our men this past month was the Research Exhibition. Department 440 was well represented and everyone agreed that the show was exceptionally interesting and well planned.

Joe Lemieux, who can be found running his table saw five days a week, was especially honored this month. He was presented with his 25-year pin by Messrs. Bolton, Pierson and Cunningham. Joe was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1890 and came to this country in 1923. He settled in Linwood where he has lived ever since. He married Marie Depati in 1929 and they have one daughter. His hobby is vegetable gardening. He also raises his own tobacco and cures it himself for his smoking pleasure.

Fishing season has opened with our fishing enthusiasts all rarin' to go. Corn Feen, Carl Larsson, and Bill Murphy didn't have much luck on their first excursion. Reason, no fish! Better luck next time, boys. . . . Our foreman, Al Blanchette, has resolved to stay away from auctions in the future. Al and Mrs. B. went to one (a few Saturdays ago) that was auctioning off household furnishings. Al spotted a friend, Freddie Robertson, foreman of Department 423, in the crowd and waved. "Sold, to the man in the green hat!" shouted the auctioneer. We're still wondering what Al purchased. . . . "Bud" Searles of the Stock Room (440) caught the "flu bug" during the month but is back with us once more. . . . Our supervisor, Jim Dorsey, was in sick bay this month, too. Those "thread boards" certainly needed jumping on by the time he returned. Don't do that to us again, Jimmy. . . . This is all for this month with a fervent hope that the Red Sox will get on the ball!

## FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT

*by Robert Ferry*

Pat Patenaude wishes to compliment the way classes are conducted in the study of Rate Setting for grievencemen and stewards and hopes it continues indefinitely. . . . Word has it that grievencemen and stewards are planning to form an independent softball team and will challenge any Shop team. . . . Joe Berard was elected (the Veep) vice-president of the Little Rhody Rod and Gun Club. . . . Lucien Lortie is glad to see the weather improving, for he is anxious to get started on building his house. . . . "Dutchie" DeLang took his TV set down to be repaired. On the way he had a near accident and had to *slam* on his brakes causing his TV set to crash against the back of the front seat. When he got to the repair shop and the set was plugged in, the set ran better than it had ever done. The next time you have TV trouble, take the set for a little ride.

**Foundry Personality:** Jan Sokolowski. Jan, who has recently arrived from England and is now working in the Foundry, is a former Polish army officer with 30 years' service. At the start of World War II, Mr. Sokolowski, who was a warrant officer first class, was with the Army fighting the Germans in Poland. When the Germans overran the country, he escaped, with remnants of the Polish Army, and traveled through Russia, Persia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and eventually went to Italy. In Italy he became a member of a Polish commando battalion and he participated in such battles as Monte Cassion, Ancona and Bologna.

After the war was over, Mr. Sokolowski intended to return to Poland but after finding that the Communists dominated the Government he decided against it. In 1946 he went to England with the Army, and two years later, upon the disbandment of the Army, he came to the United States. Jan still wears the Silvia insignia of the battalion, with which he fought in Italy, and a pin with two crossed swords which is a service cross of the Polish Army. Jan states that out of 18,000 Polish soldiers, 500 have come to the United States. Mr. Sokolowski states that one of his fondest hopes is that Poland will be once again a free country. He resides in Worcester with his sister, who he had not seen for 44 years. He is the uncle of Stanley Witkowski, who also works in the Foundry.

## CORE ROOM

*by Francis Shugrue*

Vaughn Harding was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on August 11, 1913. When he was eight years old he came to Calais, Maine, with his family. Four years later in 1925, his family moved to Uxbridge and then two years later in 1927, took up residence in Whitinsville. Vaughn first came to work in the Core Room in 1933 where he now works as a bench core maker. He married in East Douglas and he and his wife and family (three girls and one boy) make their home on West Water Street in town. Harding's boathouse is well known in Worcester and Worcester County as a good place to hire a boat for fishing on Meadow Pond. This hobby that Vaughn has is interesting as well as profitable. Twelve rowboats, three canoes, two outboard motors, live bait, fishing outfits, a tank of white gas for outboard motors and soft drinks keep Vaughn busy. During the weekdays when Vaughn is in the Shop his boat business goes on just the same. He uses an honor system of which he is very proud. A person desiring to rent a boat merely drops a dollar bill into a slot on the side of the boathouse and then takes a boat. Vaughn has only lost one dollar out of three hundred. During the winter months Vaughn runs a spare-time ashes and rubbish disposal business with his small pickup truck. He is also a member of Engine 1 on the local fire department. Never a dull moment for Vaughn Harding!

We are all glad to see Arthur Arpin back to work after being out for three months due to illness. . . . Edgar Parent has been chosen as commander of the Uxbridge V.F.W. post. . . . A welcome back to Herve Archambault who worked in the Core Room during World War II.

*Joe Lemieux, of the Box Job, received his 25-year service pin last month*

*Vaughn Harding and Danny Lajoie getting the boats ready for the summer trade. Vaughn rents boats and canoes on Meadow Pond*

*Jan Sokolowski, of the Foundry, was a Polish army officer with 30 years' service*

## TOOL JOB

*by George Jones*

The Cutter Grinding Room lost Ted Nussbickle to the Army Air Force. Ted has been in the Reserve and was called to Westover Field May 12. . . . Charlotte Duvernay is the new girl in the office who is taking Shirley Oby's place while Shirley is on a leave of absence. Charlotte formerly worked for Wage Standards. . . . Ralph Smith was out for two weeks recently with a case of mumps. . . . Joe Rosol's favorite hobby is shooting rats in the Blackstone River. Around the first of April the rat shooting was not so good so Joe unexpectedly went swimming. With all of the lakes and ponds around, Joe could have picked cleaner water.

Joe Bouley is supposed to be an outdoors man; he fishes and hunts and has even gone to Maine, deer-hunting, but one week end he took Johnny Cencak for a ride in his newly acquired car and got lost in South Sutton near the Green Lantern Tavern. The Green Lantern is just over the Whitinsville-Sutton line. . . . Steve Heuroux, the Crib man, is in Memorial Hospital, Worcester, for an operation (at this writing) and is not expected back to work for six weeks. Bob Couture of the night shift is replacing Steve.

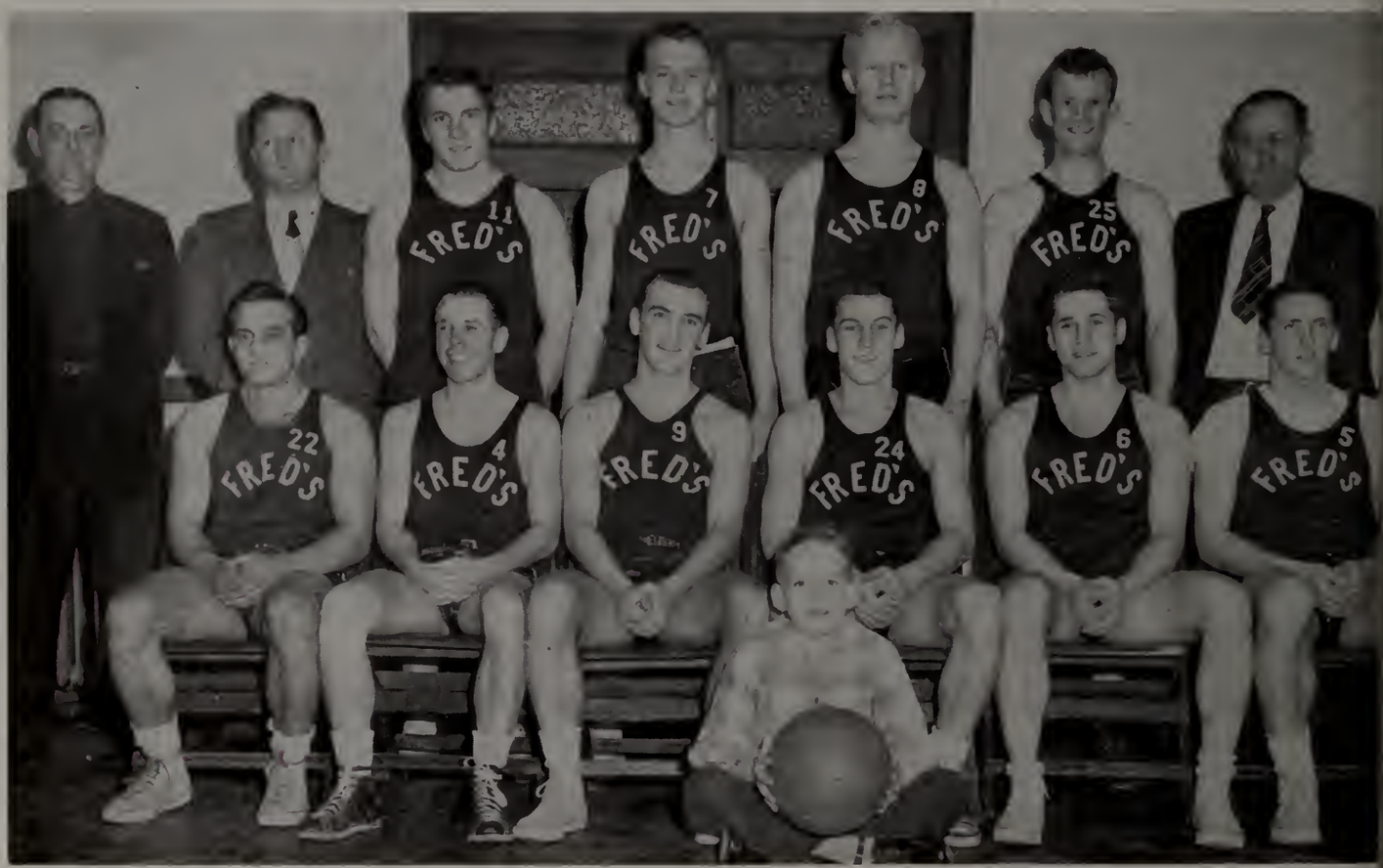
We have two new men on nights in the Cutter Grinding Room. One is Edmond Cruise of Chepachet, Rhode Island. Ed was a garage mechanic before coming to W.M.W. He is building a new home in his spare time. The other is the fellow who wears the cabbie hat. His name is Joe Pare and comes from Webster. He drives a cab in his spare time.

*Henry Gammon, of the Tool Job, was a bookkeeper in the early 1900's*

**Softball:** The Tool Job has a team entered in the newly organized W.M.W. Softball League with Art Barsey, manager, and Phil Skillen, assistant. The team looks goo on paper with such players as "Mike" Petro wicz of the Woonsocket League; Fran Mack of Webster; Charles Resan, formerly witl the Whitin Gym; and Nina Iofola (what a letdown) of the Whitin's baseball team. Th team had a practice game Saturday, April 14 with the Apprentice team. How can a Yan kee fan like Barsey manage a team of Re Sox rooters?

A joint business meeting and ladies' nigh was held Tuesday, March 20, in the recrea tion hall of the Whitinsville Fire Departmen by the Tool Job Sick Benefit Club. Ralpl Baker presided. After the business meetin an entertainment was provided by member of the Benefit Club. The highlight of th evening was the singing and acting of Franl DeCillo. His impersonations of Mario Lanz were really worth seeing and hearing. Franl is responsible for the Tool Job being so nea and clean.

Charles (Sonny) Riley and Mrs. Riley cele brated their 11th wedding anniversary Marc 30, with a gathering of relatives at the Rile home on Haringa Avenue. The Rileys hav four children. . . . On Monday, April 2 Jerry Mandeville, the repair man, came bac to work, after being called back in the Nav for five months. After spending four month in Cuba on duty, Uncle Sam let Jerry out The Navy's loss is the W.M.W.'s gain.




*Whitin Community Basketball League Champions—1950–51. Back row, left: Ray Woodcome, manager; Fred Siepietowski, coach; Joe Mikutawitz; Tom Cullen; Jack Farrell; Mike Morgan; and Fred Woodcome, sponsor. Front row Paul Sohigian, Jack Ratcliffe, Don Gauthier, Paul Gallo Jim Wilson and Lou Taylor. Tommy Woodcome, masco*

Henry Gammon is the Tool Job personality for the month of May. Henry was born 74 years ago in Lewiston, Maine, and lived there until he was 23 years old. Coming to Worcester, he went to work in the American Steel and Wire Company in the north works as a wire drawer. In 1900 he went to work for the National Biscuit Co. in Worcester in the machine division and went to trade school nights to study bookkeeping. He had only attended night school a short while before accepting a job in the office. Henry was head bookkeeper for the Shreaded Wheat branch before coming to W.M.W. in 1902. In 1907 Henry went to the Wright Wire in Worcester and would have remained there longer if the plant hadn't burned down. Consequently, he went to Heald Machine and Bradley Car; in 1919 he gained experience at Leland Gifford and Sleeper and Hartley. In 1920, Henry returned to W.M.W. and has remained here ever since. His father served his apprenticeship in the W.M.W. from 1871 to 1873 and was given a four-inch scale by Gustavus Taft who was superintendent at that time. Henry has that scale in his tool box now. Henry, who goes to Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire, for his vacation every year, lives on East Street and is the father of seven children, one of whom is Freddie who also works on the Tool Job. Henry has an excellent memory and is often called upon to help in assembling a machine that has been taken apart and won't go too easily together again.

**Bowling news:** The Rangers copped the Tool Job bowling league by winning both halves. The Ranger team consists of Rudy Kniadek, captain, Archie Bolivar, Ralph Pendergast, Walt Lawton and Bill Hall. Second place ended in a tie between Capt. Art Barsey and Capt. Ed Postma's team with Capt. Art Barsey's team winning the roll-off. Capt. John (Hoople) Deschene's team occupied the cellar. The league came to a happy ending with a family style turkey banquet and entertainment at the Klondike Inn on Wednesday, April 25. The entertainment was imported from Boston.

## MILLING JOB

*by Marie Ebbeling*

A thought for the day: It isn't the job that honors the person, it's the person that honors the job.

One of our charming young ladies, Lucy Mooradian, had a birthday, March 28. In the afternoon, four of her former fellow-workers from the Bolster Job came up with a cream puff and a lighted candle, and serenaded her with the Happy Birthday song. She was then presented with a very nice gift. Happy returns for the coming year, Lucy. . . . Wilfred Bouchard of the Inspection was presented a birthday cake by his fellow-workers in the Inspection Crib. There were quite a few candles on the cake but evidently not enough as he seemed quite flattered at the number.

Johnny McCaig set out one Saturday evening from the Blue Eagle Inn and on coming home was greeted by the Guard who wanted to know if he had room 66. Johnny, of course, occupied the room, and was immediately told that he had gone off without turning off his radio. 'Betcha he won't do that again!

Birthday congratulations for this month go to Joseph Levasseur, Lionel Lamoureaux, Ernest Ethier, William Lynch, Raymond Lytwynic, Peter Nash, Joseph O'Dea, Andrew Kalvinek, Germaine Lamoureux, William Jedrzynski, George Depointe, Laurence Southwick, Henry Osowski, Alice Guertin, Charles Deschamps, Thomas Kiczak, Thomas Daley and Anthony Ruggiero.

The textile exhibition at the Research Division was very interesting and educational. We enjoyed looking for the different parts we work on in our department. The group I was with enjoyed the tour and I think the feeling is mutual with the employees all over the Shop. It's truly marvelous what machinery can do today. We thank the Whitin Machine Works for the opportunity of seeing the display and also for the refreshments after the tour.

*The Whitin Machine Works was well represented in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette Bowling Tournament at Worcester in April. This group bowled very well but were unable to take home the honors. They were, however, presented trophies for qualifying in the contest. Back row, left to right: Fred Cowburn, 942; Richard Sanderson, Jr., 926; Carl Bosma, 1091; Woodie Delibero, 940; Ernest Kroll, 994. (Averages quoted are for 10 strings.) Seated, left to right: Louise O'Connell, 436; Cora Barsamian, 469. (Averages are for five strings.) Phil Rae, 1089, and Millie Turgeon, 431, were absent when photograph was taken*

*These Northbridge High School students were hired for work in the Shop from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. when temporary help was unobtainable. They are (left to right, bottom row): Charlie Pendleton, Bill Beedle, Chet Rybak, Arak Almasian, Donald Skillins, Dud Dion. Back row, left to right: Joe Chiras, Harold Swart, Don Case, Bill McDonald, Terry Conlin, Tex Rizer, Lenny Remillard, Jeff Ballard, George Mooradian*

## LINWOOD MILL

*by Louise Sohigian*

First of all we would like to congratulate our guard, Pete Hookstra, on his 30th wedding anniversary. . . . If anyone goes to visit Ray Blanchard don't be surprised to see beef stew anywhere around the house. Told to watch the pressure cooker, Ray had to learn the hard way by lifting the cover up. . . . Rene Hebert will wonder how this information leaked out after he took such precautions to conceal it. He awakened one morning and quickly jumped out of bed thinking that it was late. He dashed over to pick up his passenger, Gordon Demague, but Gordon's wife wouldn't let Rene disturb her husband at 5:30 in the morning. Rene was certainly embarrassed when he discovered the time. He spent his time in Fred's restaurant drinking coffee until it was time for work!

It sure looks like a sign of spring fever to see the fellows playing horseshoes at noontime. There's some mighty stiff competition. . . . Ray Blanchard's mother went away for the day so he decided to have company for dinner and invited a few of the boys from the job. He had quite a time that morning, going around looking for directions on how to prepare eight cans of spaghetti.

We were quite proud to have Carl Bosma from Department 450 try out for the finals in the bowling tournament up in Worcester. He ended pretty well on top of the list. . . . The candles were lighted this month for Gladys Hickey, Widgie Larochelle, Lillian Scott and Anna Mantell.

## NICKEL-PLATING AND PARKERIZING

*by Rene Ethier*

The welcome mat this month is out for Albert Gardner, T. Cheverette, Peter De Boer, James Grady and Claire Nolet as our new stock clerk at 431A. . . . Uncle Cliff Rivet has started his tour with Holy Cross's baseball team. Cliff is one of the most ardent rooters Holy Cross has. He is better known as the old pro of the 431 Softball Club.

Get-well wishes are sent out to George McClellen who has been on our sick list for the past month. George is doing fine and hopes to be back with us soon. . . . Belated congratulations are extended to Ernie Lawson, who recently was promoted to the post of foreman at 431. Also, to Harry Crockett who was promoted to supervisor of the Nickle-plating Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Anteras Bedigian have recently purchased a new home on Border Street. . . . The highlight of the month is the 431 softball club. We're naturally going to win them all, or at least we have those intentions! With Paul Blaine as our manager, Ralph Nolet, Paul Mathieus, Uncle Cliff Rivet and a few others, we have good support. We are asking all employees of 431 to be on hand to cheer us on to victory!

## COMBER JOB

*by Hector Chase*

Teake Bosma who has been connected with the Whitin Machine Works for 17 years has resigned as of May 4. Mr. Bosma started into the grain business three years ago on Church Street, just part time, but soon outgrew his place and moved to the Taft Block on Cottage Street where he stayed about one year. Then he acquired the freight house of the N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R.R. in Linwood. Teake handles a complete line of Purina Chows. . . . Kendall Prior who is serving his time in the W.M.W. has just completed three months on the Milling Job and is returning to the Comber Job. We welcome his return.

Carl Froding of Department 424 had the honor of meeting Messrs. Bolton, Cunningham and Pierson last month when they presented him with a 25-year service pin. . . . It was great to see our comrade Herman Zylstra who dropped in to see us. Herman has been out for six months convalescing and is feeling much better. . . . James Scott of 92 Main Street passed his physical, April 13, and reported at the Fargo Building in Boston on May 14. . . . Stephen Machoian who bought a tenement house from the Shop found out that he only had to move from one block to another. No need for a truck, so Charley (as he is known) asked Ed Jones, Norman Stanley and yours truly to help him move. After moving we enjoyed a chicken dinner as Charley's guests. During the dinner Ed and Norman thought that Charley might get his new tie spotted so they used Norman's jackknife and removed the tie at the collar. That's gratitude for a chicken dinner. . . . Birthdays for the month: Dorothy Philbrook, Archie Fournier, Amio Audio and Lucien Cassista. Happy returns to you all.

## WAGE STANDARDS

*by A. Fettuccia*

Birthday congratulations for the month of April were extended to Norman Klaucke and Walter Skers. . . . Al Guidotti was recently recalled to active service with the armed forces.

The welcome mat is extended to Raymond Buma, Bill McMahon and Mrs. B. Swenson.

**"You certainly did trim down our budget, John—but won't we put the difference in Savings Bonds?"**

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

*by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin*

This is the season when the baseball fans and the fishermen come out strongly and make their presence known by their predictions and misfortunes. We do not have too many fishermen but we have our share of baseball fans. It is reasonably certain to assume that there will be equally as much interest in the major leagues this year as we understand that the Red Sox–Yankee social group is active again. There is another group of enthusiasts called "golfers" (the name covers a multitude of sins) who will be heard from. This last group in some ways reminds us of the fishermen who constantly tell us of the "ones that got away" because a golfer will always say they were off the tee a couple hundred yards when misfortune befell them via the rough, sandtrap or a putt that just missed. While we're on the subject of sports, this softball league should provide some fine entertainment this summer, if the old bones will stay up; of course the girls plan to have a league, so I imagine that the big crowds will follow the lassies—quite natural though when you think of it.

No. 5 Storesroom, co-operating nicely with the reporters, sent the following items in. Our sincere thanks to Gertie Lafleur for helping us. Anor Champany who used to furnish us with some news has been transferred to Storesroom No. 32. . . . Lucien Champagne, better known as "Champ," has left to become an expediter. Roland Riendeau is now with the Auditing Group. . . . New personnel at No. 5 to whom we extend a most cordial welcome are as follows: Eva Lundberg, Margaret Hourihan, George Backsta, and Richard Kell. . . . The personnel at No. 5 joins with the reporters in wishing a speedy recovery to "Nap" Duhamel who is, at this writing, a patient at Cushing Veterans' Hospital in Framingham. A few cards would brighten up the convalescent period for "Nap."

We said farewell to John "Red" Kortecamp who has been called to active duty with the Navy. John was given a present by his many friends in the Production Department who wish him the very best of luck during his tour of duty. . . . "Production Personalities"—or—were you aware—or are you not old enough to remember that: "Bill" Kearnan was a forward on the Southern Worcester County All-Star basketball team some 25 years ago. . . . "Dick" Myers is a pretty fair pitcher with a no-hit, no-run game to his credit. . . . Lester Dermody gave a fine vocal rendition of "Little Sir Echo," in a minstrel show in East Douglas. . . . Frank Noble of No. 5 Package Area who is directing the "Old Timer's" minstrel show for the benefit of the Whitinsville Hospital and "Hap" Noble of show fame, a few years ago, are one and the same person.

*Miss Beverlie MacNeill, on the left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeill of Easton and formerly of Whitinsville, has entered the Hyannis Hospital School of Nursing. Beverlie is a graduate of Oliver Ames High School of Easton. She is the daughter of Harold MacNeill, road man. There are two other daughters shown: Phyllis, confined at a hospital in Attleboro and Kathie, age 3*

I suppose one reporter should not tell tales on another reporter, but this one needs telling. Dorsey Devlin who lives about one hundred yards from the Schuster Mill, was aroused from his sleep about 4:00 a.m. one morning recently by the fire siren. Dorsey, who is a very active fireman, hastily donned his clothes and set sail for the fire station over a mile away; after running about halfway, he was picked up by the fire chief and taken to the fire—yes, you guessed it—at the Schuster Mill. Says Dorsey, "Some days it doesn't even pay you to get up."

Late news flash—after losing seven straight times in picking the winning corner in the televised fights, F. O. Rizer finally had a winner Friday night, April 20. It only partially made up for the grief he suffered the same day as the Yankees dropped two games to the Washington Senators.

After 14 years of service, Ruth Audio of the Master Route Section has left us. Ruth was perhaps best known for her happy, cheery attitude towards life. Always ready to help and at the same time, had the ability to inject a little humor or brightness into a day's work. Upon leaving, Ruth was presented with a watch and wallet, gifts from her fellow employees. . . . We would like to correct an item in the March SPINDLE. We incorrectly reported Shirley Lightbown as being transferred to the Repair Department. Shirley is working for Charles Peix.

## WORKS ACCOUNTING DIVISION

*by Oscar Erickson*

**Cost Department:** Birthday congratulations to John Kneeland and Henry Lawton. . . . When Joe Platukis became a father recently he passed out cigars throughout the office. All of the fellows observed the great occasion by smoking their cigars all at the same time in the afternoon and it was said that Bill Merriam could not even count noses because of the blue fog. Dick Hanny finally relented and smoked his but wished long afterwards that he hadn't.

**Tabulating:** Congratulations are extended to Dorothy Hamblin on her fifth wedding anniversary and birthday congratulations to Ernest Chase.

**Payroll Computation:** Edith Cornforth who has been called back into the service, was given a party at the Colonial Inn in Webster. She is a member of the WAF and is to be stationed at Forth Worth, Texas. . . . We wish Lorna Abramek a speedy recovery from her illness. . . . We welcome Bertha Bernier to our department and hope that she enjoys working with us.

**Budgets:** Here is a fish story that beats all of them. Ted Froh caught his limit of fish the other day. One he caught without a tip and his last one with a broken rod.

*Last year Bart Shugrue, Metal Patterns, Red Sox fan, paid off in cigars to Bernard Shaw, who loyally rooted for the Yankees to win the Series. Bern said this is just a reminder for Bart to think twice before picking the Red Sox this year*

Now Ted is looking for a new rod. After a story like that is there anyone who wishes to contribute a new rod? . . . We are glad to see John Shaw back after his illness and hope he has licked that virus bug. . . . The welcome mat has been laid out for Mrs. Hazel O'Rourke whose husband, Albert O'Rourke, works for Ed Marshall at 448B.

We wish to welcome Connie Riggs as Mr. Max Thompson's secretary. We are glad to have you with us, Connie.

Ernest Chase is going, as a delegate of the United Presbyterian Church, to the Annual General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Churches of North America, May 23–28, in Des Moines, Iowa. Our congratulations to Ernest for receiving this honor.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Jean Cunningham*

Happy birthday congratulations to Sid Buma, Al Capone and Paul Wheeler. Keep smiling, boys. . . . A group from the office took off recently and had a grand time for themselves at Chicken Pete's. . . . George Bickford is an ardent 25 cent novel reader. By the way George has a very rare dog he'd like to sell if anyone is interested. He has a three-year-old golden retriever, found usually way up north. Like George, it is a pretty smart fellow. . . . Lydia Hickey's four children have two very special chickens named Ickey and Mickey. . . . Rose Fregeau and her husband took the opportunity of a good week end and went to Hookset, New Hampshire, to visit their daughter, Ann Marie, who is attending Mt. St. Mary's College, there. . . . Arno Wagner and Ralph Kindler have been very busy grading their lawns.

Punjab Misakian is going in for wrestling. He doesn't need too much training, this 6 foot 6 inch fellow, but our very versatile Al Capone is training Bill Morrisette, our featherweight, for a match against Punj.

Louis Belvel has returned to the office again. Last month we welcomed Charlotte Duvernay to the office; this month we say good-by to her as she has left our department to work for Mr. Baker on the Tool Job. . . . Paul Wheeler was married 15 years April 24 and his youngest son helped Paul and Mrs. W. celebrate by celebrating his eighth birthday on the same day. . . . Margaret Mooradian who has been working for George Fullerton will be leaving soon and Gwendolyn Prior from Douglas is taking her place. Welcome, Gwendolyn and good luck, Margaret. . . . Jim Dundas who has worked for W.M.W. for 30 years is now working for Ken Benner in Wage Administration Division. He had worked in the Cost Department and Payroll Department before joining Mr. Benner.

*Paula Capone, on the left, daughter of Al Capone, of the Methods Department, with two of her friends in the Easter Parade in Milford*

*Abraham Twight, Creel Job, was the man in our photo mystery last month. Now, can you identify the soldier on the right. The picture was taken during World War I*

## REPAIR DEPARTMENT

***by Mame Britton and Charles Polucha***

We belatedly wish to welcome to our group Irene Curtis, another of our East Douglas luminaries, who comes to us from a position at the Pinehurst Children's School. While we are on the subject of Douglas, fireworks have been really popping in that no-so-sleepy town. Police Chief Nelson has issued an appeal for volunteer policemen. Ever since Ann Carter moved into Douglas, her masculine admirers have created a traffic jam on Caswell Court. Our vivacious colleen was told to rectify this situation—if possible. . . . When we say this is the Repair Department, we mean it. Any girls who are having trouble with stuck or loose zippers, see our esteemed patriarch, Al Nelson. For more info, see Frances Kelly. She says Al is a whiz at the fine art of zipper repairing.

Flash! A new successor to Rudolph Valentino. Our own "Gummy" Montgomery. When Pauline O'Neil left our employ, "Gummy" graciously consented to present her with a good-by kiss. Quote "When I kiss them they stay kissed," unquote. We wonder if he had that stored in his attic, too. . . . Ray Adams literally lost his shirt—no, not in a poker game—recently. We understand that a laundry burned down, with Ray's shirts inside. That is one way to get new shirts, Mr. A. . . . Peggy Morrissey is back with us after a two months' leave of absence.

Bye the bye, how come the telephone on Alice Kroll's desk rings every time the "Tennessee Waltz" is played. Is there some remote control hookup between the dial system and the loud-speaker system? We want to know.

By the glum expressions on the faces of some of our erstwhile Izaak Waltons, we judged that the fishing season has opened, and they just ain't bitin'. Well, boys, the season is long, and there are plenty of kivvers in Riley's Pond. Tom Crawford claims he is going to assess the fisherman for each fish they catch. . . . Spring is really here. Ask Lucille Buma if you don't believe it. She was seen walking without any shoes, or should we say, shoe, the other day. She was in so much of a hurry to get through the entrance to the Roll Job, that her heel got caught in the rubble where the masons are working. She blithely took five or six steps then noticed one shoe missing. Amidst much laughter, she retrieved her lost footwear.

*In the picture on the left, the Whitinsville Women's Bowling League, 1950–51 Championship Team, NAVY. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Agnes Spence, Millie Turgeon; standing, left to right: Mickey Greenwood, Mrs. Gert Conrad. Missing, when picture was taken, Mrs. Lorraine Glode Stratton. In the picture on the right, the Runner-Up team, SEA BEES: Seated, left to right: Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, Mrs. Gladys Leitch, Mrs. Eva Monyeon; standing, left to right: Mrs. Florence Higgins, Mrs. Eva Barnes*

## PERSONNEL OFFICE

***by Freelon Morris***

All the news is good news as far as Personnel is concerned. Katherine Hutcheson is back with us after a week's illness, and Alice Crawford is rapidly recovering from a particularly vicious case of the "bug." It will be a happy day when Alice returns. Her work has certainly piled up.

Thanks to modern resuscitation methods no one was more than temporarily affected by the cigar that Bob Wood passed around after the birth of his son Bob, Jr. We are profoundly thankful that Bob, Sr., is a bit parsimonious, if each one of us had been given one of the lethal objects all Personnel business would have been conducted from the Whitinsville Hospital or Pine Grove.

During the noon hour the conversation from the gang in the office sounds like a butchers' convention what with everyone talking of various slices; golf is with us again. Rumor has it that Personnel is going to put a golf team into the field; actually the members head there as if by instinct anyway. If this team actually gets out it will be a rough bunch to stay with. This reporter further understands that this year they are going to use a secret weapon, golf clubs. These of course, will be used in addition to the usual weapons of shovel and pick. The truth of the rumor that the outfit is to be sponsored by some grass seed company has not been proven.

On April 19, the Credit Union closed down for a double reason. Mr. Ernest Hartshorn, its tightfisted moneylender, had a birthday. Mr. Hartshorn is no relation to Paul Revere.

## MASTERLIST DEPARTMENT

***by R. Yeo***

Happy birthday greetings to Mary Naroian. . . . Rita Baillargeon has taken an indefinite leave of absence in order to have an operation at Cushing Hospital in Framingham. All of us wish Rita success and a speedy recovery. . . . On April 16, a shower was held in Elynore Blakely's honor at the Odd Fellows' Hall in Whitinsville. The shower was attended by over 100 people and Elynore received a purse of money and many beautiful gifts. . . . We welcome a new young lady to our department, Eileen Holmes. Eileen is now replacing Rita Baillargeon as specifications checker in the Printing Department.

**Personality of the Month:** James C. Henderson.

Jim lives at 21 D Street in Whitinsville and has resided in town for 41 years. He is

married and has had seven children—two girls and five boys. All of his sons saw service during World War II, each representing a different branch—Army, Navy, Navy Air Force, Merchant Marine and one in the Canadian Army. Two sons are dead. The remaining three boys and two girls are married and Jim is the proud grandfather of six grandchildren.

Jim has had the distinction of being the senior member of our department, with 41 years of service completed as of April 10.

Prior to the time Jim came to the Masterist Department, which was 22 years ago (1929), he worked on the Comber Erecting Floor, 1910–12, then was on the road as a comber erector from 1912 to 1924 and then to the experimental room until 1929, at which time Jim came to this department.

Jim's present job is that of specifications analyst for sliver and ribbon lap, picker and comber machinery. He also has done wool and worsted specifications in previous years.

His favorite pastime lies in the field of hunting and fishing in which he says he spends a considerable amount of time with mediocre results. Sounds like a "fish story" to us, Jim.

## MAIN OFFICE

*By Alice M. Ferguson and Thelma Vandersea*

We welcome Joanne M. Clason who started working for Mr. T. H. Driscoll on April 2. She is a graduate of Wagner College, New York, and formerly lived in Staten Island. While in New York she worked for Deering-Milliken. She is now living in North Uxbridge with her family. . . . Word has been received from Leonard Baldwin, formerly of the Payroll Department, that he is now enjoying the sights and scenery of southern France aboard the *U.S.S. Purdy* in the Mediterranean. . . . The Tuesday night Spanish class entertained "The Loredos" at Ma Glockner's, Tuesday night, April 17, celebrating Sr. Loredo's birthday. Was it your 24th, Jesse?

J. J. Foley and Gene Kennedy of the Export Sales Department have departed for Europe to attend the Textile Exhibition in Lille, France.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Bouffard, a son, David, born March 19, at Worcester Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oliver, a son, Brian James, born March 7, at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arah Libby, a son, Bradford, born March 18, at Milford Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Platukis, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Feen, a son, born April 8, at St. Vincent's Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Couture, a son, Robert Irving, born at Whitinsville Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nadeau, a daughter, Lorraine Marie, born March 25, at Woonsocket Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Millette, a son, Daniel Philip, born March 28 at Woonsocket Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robillard, a son, Ernest F., born March 30, at Doctors' Hospital, Worcester.

To Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Ledoux, a son, Robert, born March 29, at Hahneman Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hippert, a daughter, Linda Ann.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood, a son, Robert, born March 3, at Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Lamoureux, a son, Lionel Ronald, born April 2.

Claire DeOrsay, of the Packing Job Repair Office, engaged to Arthur Bonadei of the Packing Job.

Kurken Garabedian, Methods Department, married to Alice Varterisian on April 15.

Alfred Gardner, of the Spindle Job, married to Dorothy Orff of the Shipping Department on March 3.

Helen Dykstra, of No. 5 Storesroom, engaged to Edward Jussuame of the U. S. Navy.

Widgie Larochelle, of Department 451, engaged to Louis Esposito formerly of the Bolster Job and now in the service.

Grace Manning, of the Repair Sales Department, engaged to Kendall Prior, apprentice.

George Mills, apprentice, married to Margaret Rice, timekeeper, at St. Patrick's Church, April 14.

William Maher, Department 411, married to Margaret O'Brien, in St. Patrick's Church, April 7.

Maurice Gelinas, Department 411, married to Bernice Carter, in St. Louis Church, Woonsocket, March 31.

## Obituaries

Department 416 extends its sincere sympathy to Edward Russell on the loss of his father.

The members of Department 462 extend their sympathy to Ernest Chase on the loss of his mother.

The members of the Methods Department wish to express sympathy to Frank Budnik and family on the death of his father-in-law.

Condolences are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Taeke Wynga on the death of their infant child.

Members of the Ring Job extend their sympathy to William Coppfer on the death of his father, William Coppfer, in Denver, March 27.

Sympathy is extended to Charles Garabedian of the Tool Job, on the death of his mother.

The members of the Main Office express their deepest sympathy to Alberto Callens on the death of his father in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Wage Standards Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Joseph Koger of this department.

The members of Department 424 extend their sincere sympathy to Camille E. Gauvin on the death of his mother.

Sympathy is extended to the family of George Hilditch who passed away on April 16. He had been with the Gear Job for 24 years.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Harry Chase of the Gear Job on the death of his mother.

The members of Department 451 express their sympathy to Mrs. Ruth Todd on the death of her father.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Wilfred Beaudoin who died on March 22. He was born in St. Leboire, P.Q., and had resided in Linwood 11 years. He was a machinery packer at the Whitin Machine Works.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of George F. Rogers who died on March 21. For many years, prior to his retirement, he was a teamster for the Whitin Machine Works.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Henry M. Heerdt who died April 12 in the Whitinsville Hospital. He was a native of the Netherlands and had resided in Whitinsville for 45 years. Prior to his retirement, he was a milling machine operator for 40 years at the Whitin Machine Works.

We extend our sympathy to William McNaul, retired, on the death of Mrs. McNaul at Newport, R. I., on March 9.

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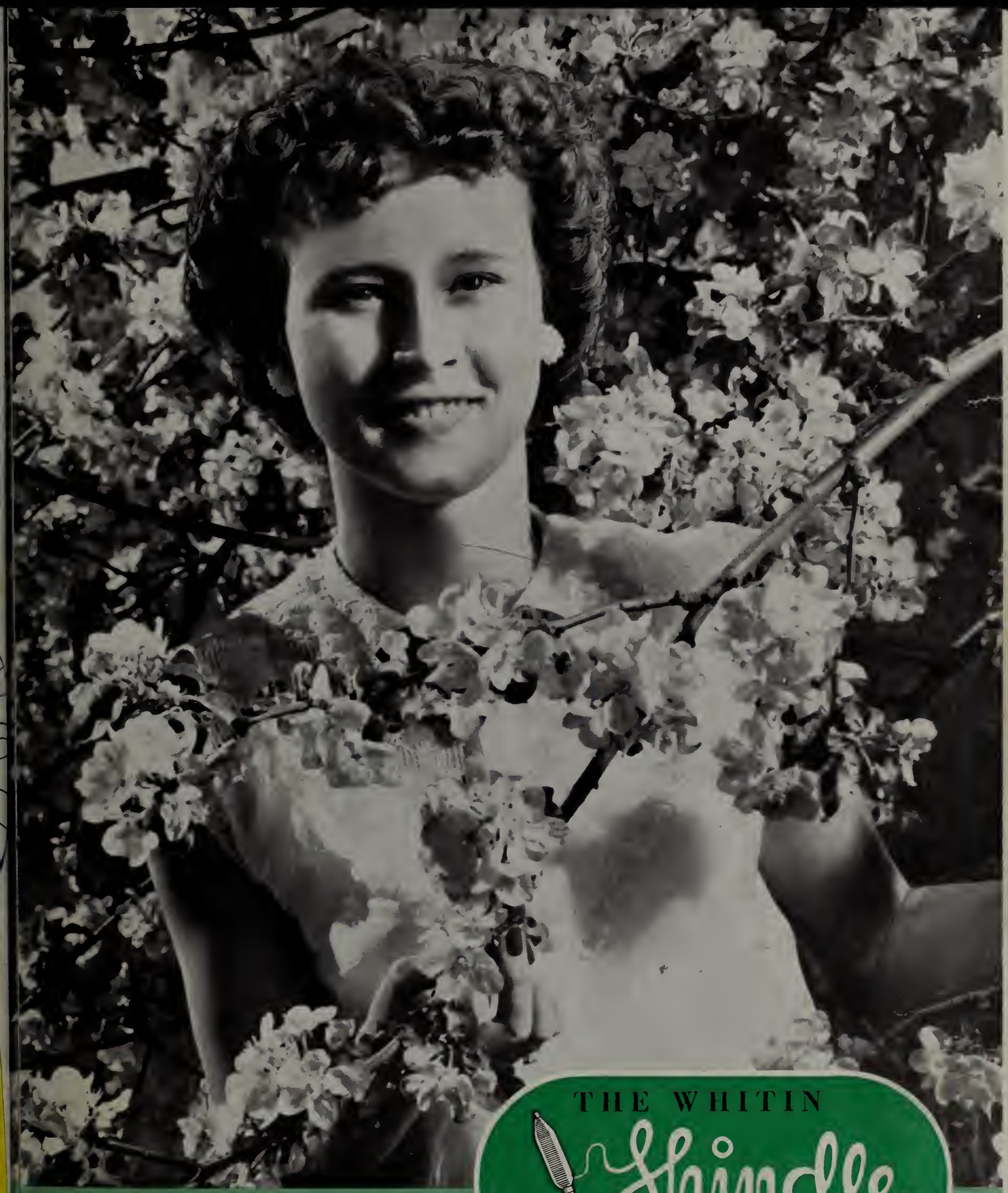

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Melvin Young, plumber, came to Whitin in 1918. He was a merchant marine during World War I. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and golfing

Arthur Broadhurst, time study man in the Foundry, has been with Whitin for 18 years. He served with the Seabees during World War II

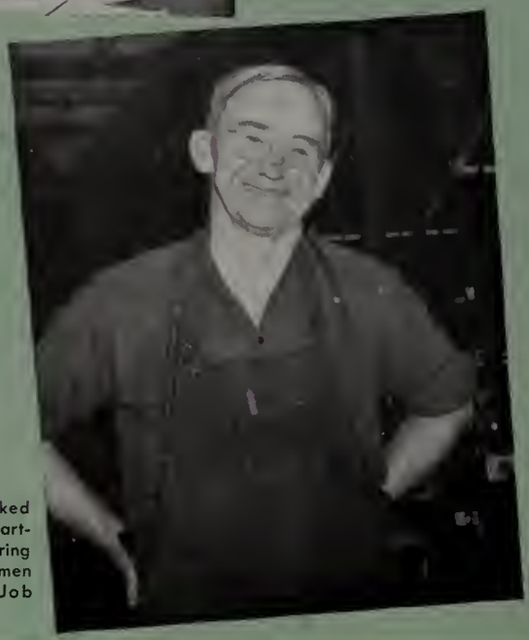
Albert Gauthier, elevator operator, lived in Luxembourg from 1918 to 1946. The Germans held him a prisoner for five years during World War II

# Familiar Faces

## AROUND THE PLANT

David Greena, iron distributar in the Faundry, is married and has three daughters. He served in the U. S. Army fram 1942 to 1945

Mases Malkasian, elevator operatar, started working for Whitin after arriving fram Armenia in 1902. He is 78 years ald, and has ane son



Edward Driscoll has worked 55 years in the same department—the Rall Jab. During his emplayment, five foremen have supervised the Job

Rene Ethier is a superv the Parkerizing Job. been with the Shap f years. He served w U. S. Navy fram 1942 1

# Heat Treating Metals

"What do they think this is, a one-man show?" Have you ever heard someone ask that?

No business can be a one-man show. A company can be successful only when every employee does his job and does it well. Here at Whitin, we know that in order to be successful in the building of textile machinery, we must not only depend upon each other as individuals but we must co-operate also as shop departments.

An example of how our departments co-operate and rely upon each other is shown in the relationship of the Heat Treating Department to our other manufacturing departments.

*Nick Dimarco loading a box of castings into one of the large furnaces. The top of each box is sealed with clay to prevent heat from escaping*

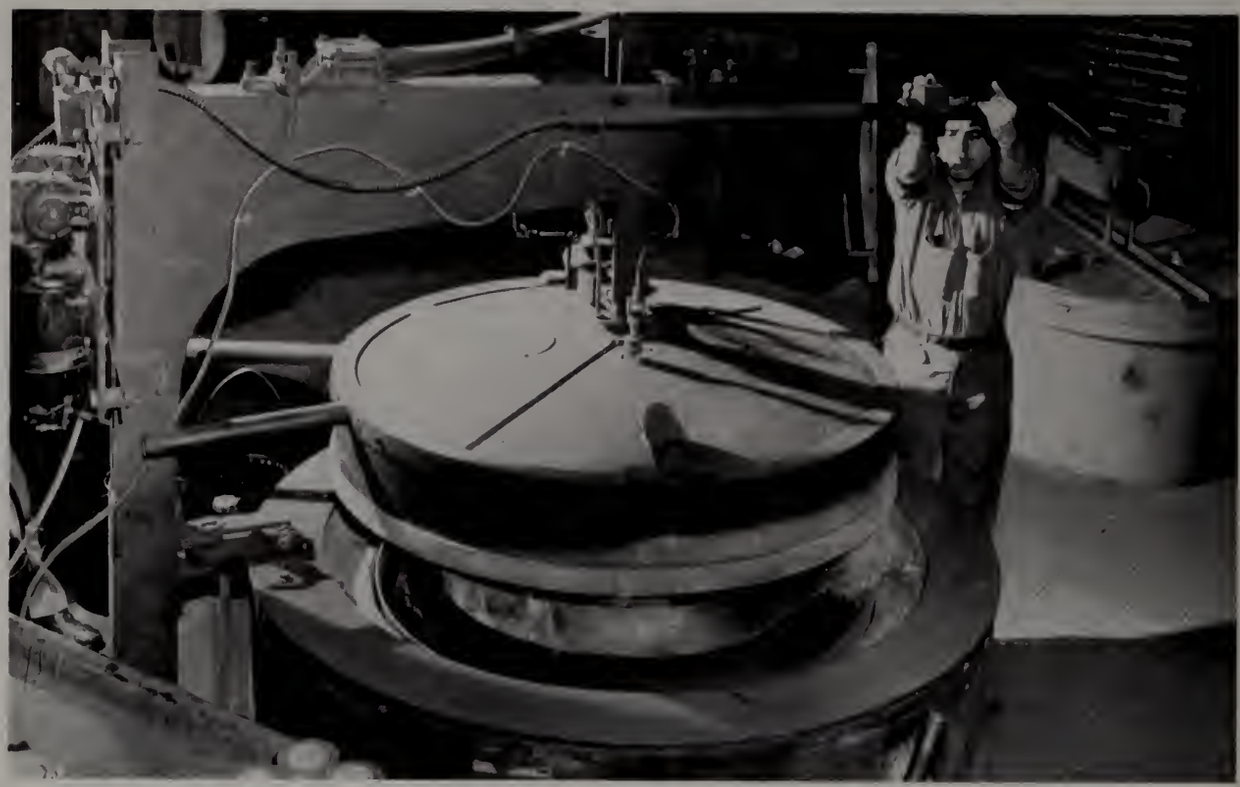
What is heat treating? Sometimes this expression is used in a restricted sense to mean simply the hardening and tempering of steels.

Without going into detail, a word may be said about what steel is. All steels are alloys of iron, that is, compounds made chiefly of iron but combined with other substances such as carbon, manganese, silicon, phosphorus, sulphur, chromium, nickel, tungsten, vanadium, molybdenum and cobalt, to give the alloy (steel) its special qualities. There are many different kinds of steel used in manufacturing and none of them contains all of these elements. A thorough knowledge of the effects of these various substances when they are combined with the iron, is necessary to determine what kind of steel to select for a particular purpose or use.

In view of the fact that a great many of our steel parts are machined, much of the steel we use has a fairly low carbon content. However, after these parts have been machined they do not have the maximum strength and wearing qualities we desire. Therefore, they are sent to the Heat Treating Department for carburizing and hardening.

Carburizing is the process used to impregnate the steel parts with carbon. Parts to be carburized are packed in alloy baskets and put into a covered furnace. A carbonaceous liquid is then injected into the furnace which creates a gas that gives the parts a carbon case. At the end of a specified time cycle the parts are taken from the furnace and placed in cooling chambers.

Another medium used to impregnate steel parts with carbon is pack hardening. This consists in packing the steel parts in a container with a carbonaceous compound,



*Low carbon metals must be carburized before they are hardened. This gas carburizer is used to coat the metals with carbon. Francis Vean, foreman, is shown lifting the cover from the unit*

or some other suitable material and then heating the entire pack to the hardening temperature. At the proper time, the parts are removed from the pack and quenched.

The foregoing procedures are the necessary steps to prepare the low carbon steel parts for hardening.

Here at Whitin we use several types of hardening, among which are cyaniding and furnace hardening.

In the cyaniding process our Heat Treating Department places parts into a sodium cyanide solution which is maintained at 1525° F. for a definite period. The size of the part determines the length of time it stays in the solution. The smaller the part the less time needed. After it is removed from the solution it is water quenched. The actual hardening of the part takes place in the transitional period from the high heat to the rapid quenching stage.

In our Heat Treating Department we have two types of hardening furnaces, gas and electric. Hardening furnaces are insulated ovens which vary in size according to the products which they are called upon to handle.

Parts which are furnace hardened are placed in these ovens, heated progressively to their hardening temperatures and held at this temperature for a given period of time, depending upon size and shape. Parts are finally quenched and cooled in either water or oil.

After heat treating, certain types of steel require tempering or drawing. This operation involves reheating the steel, that has been hardened, to a low temperature in order to relieve the hardening strain and to increase the toughness. The parts are now ready for straightening and grinding in one of our manufacturing departments.

Another operation performed by our Heat Treating Department is annealing. This is a heating and cooling operation of a material in the solid state. The parts to be annealed are packed in suitable containers and placed in our gas and electrically controlled ovens. Annealing usually implies a relatively slow cooling, which is necessary to remove stresses, to induce softness, to alter toughness, or to change other physical properties.

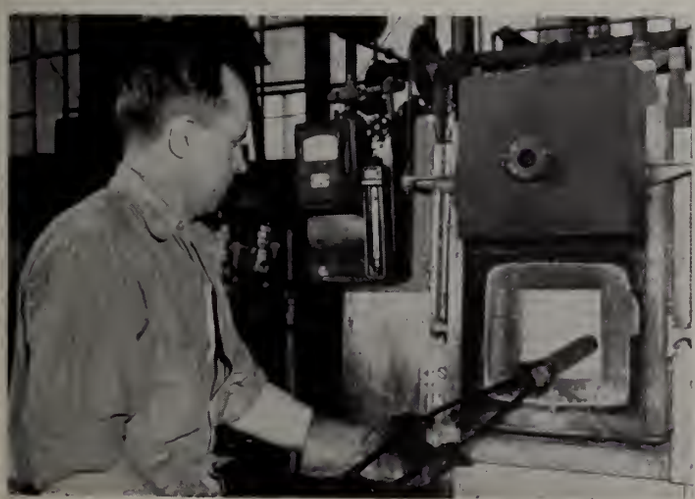
*Armand Larochelle is quenching and straightening spindles after they have been hardened*

We are happy to acknowledge the work the men in this department perform and their importance in the manufacture of our textile machinery.

*Above: After receiving a cyanide bath, fluted rolls are quenched in oil by Vernon Tracy*

*Center: Newell Wallace, assistant foreman, and Barbara Allen, clerk, checking a blueprint for heat treatment*

*Below: Albert St. Pierre is inserting a high-speed tool into a furnace for final heat treating. All high-speed tools are hardened gradually, otherwise steel would crack*



*Below: Each furnace is regulated by an automatic control. John Wright, electrician, is checking the control instrument of one of the furnaces*

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## WE'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES

The tremendous job which the men and women in our industrial plants are doing today to equip our Armed Forces while, at the same time, turning out goods to maintain our high living standard, is indicated by these figures:

To equip just one American soldier for battle, the following amounts of raw material are needed: 12½ pounds of steel; 8¾ pounds of cotton; 8¼ pounds of leather; 1½ pounds of wood; 10½ pounds of wool; 2½ pounds of aluminum; 183 pounds of lead; 62 pounds of copper; 156 pounds of brass; 270 pounds of food; 8 pounds of rubber.

And to get all this raw material from its original state into equipment for just one single soldier, requires 5,000 man-hours of work!

Multiply these figures by 3,000,000 —the total enrollment set for our Armed Forces short of an all-out war—and you begin to get the idea!

It also takes skill and speed in forging the weapons of war. In peace this skill and speed are the strength and well-being of American business, American workers. This skill and speed may well be the security of our nation.

FRONT COVER: This photograph speaks for itself. The attractive model is Olga Carlson of the Main Office.

# *Whitin Personality*

Sydney R. Mason received his early education in Worcester, the city where he was born. After graduation from Classical High School he attended Harvard University.

Mr. Mason entered the employ of the Whitin Machine Works in 1910 and received two years of special training in various departments of the Shop. Since that date Mr. Mason has served the company as a manager and officer, has served other industries and financial institutions and has given lavishly of his time and effort for the public welfare. Mr. Mason's eminence in the field of business and as an outstanding citizen is reflected in some of the positions he holds: Manager of the company's Repair Sales Department since 1912; member of the company's Board of Directors since 1916; secretary and clerk of the Corporation since 1917; member of the Board of Directors of Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company since 1940; president and member of the Board of Mason-Worcester Manufacturing Company since 1929; president, Whitinsville National Bank since 1935; trustee, Whitinsville Savings Bank since 1921; president, Whitinsville Hospital since 1928 (Mr. Mason has been a member of the Hospital's Board since its inception in 1915); trustee, Arthur Fletcher Whitin Fund; treasurer, Whitin Community Association; member of the Finance Board, Town of Northbridge.

During his busy career, Mr. Mason traveled extensively, combining business with pleasure. In 1912 he visited England and several other European countries. In 1922 he traveled to Japan, China and Korea. Even in those days the Far East was not pacific. While Mr. and Mrs. Mason were in Korea, rioting broke out and the railroad line on which they were traveling was dynamited. Again in 1932 Mr. and Mrs. Mason voyaged to Europe, visiting this time in Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Russia. The Iron Curtain was not yet fully drawn by the Kremlin and the Masons were able to travel about. However, they were escorted by Government agents and frequently had armed guards as traveling "companions." On their return voyage, the Masons visited Germany and France.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason reside at 10 Chestnut Street in Whitinsville where their gardens and their dog, Fleck, afford them much pleasure. Their daughter, Priscilla, is associated with the School of Advanced Studies at Johns Hopkins University and resides in Washington, D.C.

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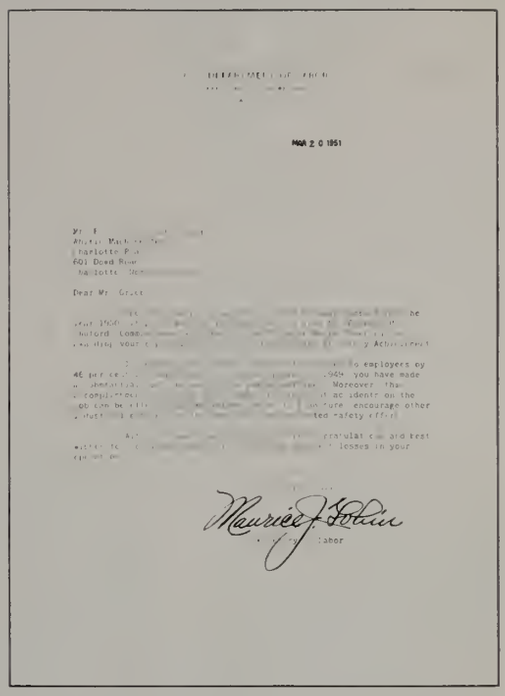

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Dear Mr. Grace

# Careful Workers—Safe Plant

How important to you is plant safety?

No one has to ask this question of our men and women in the Charlotte Shop. They know how many lives are lost and how many workers are maimed and crippled each year in industrial accidents. Their determination, "It shan't happen here!" has won them the award of a "Certificate of Safety Achievement" presented by the North Carolina Department of Labor and the United States Department of Labor. By taking care for their safety these employees in 1950 reduced by 46 per cent their accidental injuries rate of 1949.

Do we in the Whitinsville Plant pay equal attention to safety? Well, in spurts we seem mindful of the safety rules and use care in our operations. But over an annual period we seem to relax our efforts. We wind up with a better-than-average safety record and we pat each other on the back. We've done well, we think. What about the fellows who are home nursing their wounds—the chaps whose accidents have marred the record? You can bet they're not patting themselves on the back.

The Management of the Whitin Machine Works never relaxes its efforts to make the Whitinsville Plant a safe place in which to work. Under the direction of Mr. James C. Rankine, chairman of the Safety Committee, and of Mr. Melvin McCully, safety engineer of the Paige Foundation, a thorough safety program is constantly being carried on. The Plant is kept in excellent condition by the Maintenance Department; machines are carefully observed and are provided with safety devices; safety hazards are prevented through constant inspection of tools and equipment; and the Safety Committee, supervisory personnel and safety wardens are trained to detect and correct quickly any condition which presents a hazard to the safety of the worker. Everything is being done to assure the safety of the Plant, machinery, equipment and methods of operation.

However, the safest plant in the world will not protect from injury or harm the worker who is careless or who will take chances. There are a few silly fellows who think the company is interested in their safety only because it wishes to save paying compensation claims. The workers generally show a more intelligent interest in their safety and are fully aware of the fact that it is they who suffer the heavier financial losses when they suffer an accident. They know too that they alone experience the pain and anguish of their hurts and that their families endure great anxiety and hardships. Why then do we continue to have accidents? It seems that when the worker becomes inattentive or when he takes chances, he enormously increases the risk of accident. The worker who is too sure of himself finds out, too late, it *can* happen to him.

Safety must be practiced *all* the time, in the factory, on the road, in the home. Let's be sensible about our safety. In most cases it's up to us whether we'll be safe—or sorry—our safety is in our hands.

Are we going to be satisfied with a better-than-average record or with even a good safety record? No! Let's make up our minds now that we're going to have a *perfect* safety record. It's up to you.

# 40th Knitting Arts Exhibition

By George F. McRoberts

The 40th Knitting Arts Exhibition sponsored by the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers was held the first week in May at the Atlantic City Auditorium, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Approximately 200 exhibitors displayed goods and services in connection with the hosiery and related knitting trades. All types of knitting machines were on display including a number from foreign countries such as England, Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy.

The Exhibition was much larger than the last Knitting Show in 1949, but, of course, was considerably smaller than the General Textile Exposition that was held at the same Auditorium in 1950. It is estimated that between 8000 and 8500 interested mill people registered for attendance at the 1951 Knitting Arts Exhibition during the five days it was open. This attendance was very gratifying to the sponsors, and reflected the interest of the industry in the new equipment that is being developed and made available for the knitting trade.

Our own exhibit consisted of a Model "C2" Tricot Knitting Machine displayed in a modification of the booth that we used last year at the General Show. The accompanying photograph will give a good idea of the over-all layout of our equipment and booth.

The attendance in our booth was very heavy all week long, and the men in attendance were extremely busy answering all sorts of questions about the equipment, delivery, etc. The machine itself was equipped with our most up-to-date yarn let-off and cloth take-up units, and it ran beautifully all week long. Without prejudice, it seems fair to say that among the full-length knitting machines displayed, the performance of the Whitin machine was the most outstanding. It ran for the duration of the show, turning out a higher quality fabric than would normally be required in the most critical mill in the country. The yarn used at the show was 75 denier acetate, supplied by the American Viscose Company. Also in the booth, we had a display of various Tricot fabrics which had been loaned to us for the occasion by the Textron Company of Willimantic, Connecticut. These aroused great interest, especially among the women visitors.

The Whitin representatives in attendance were Mr. Harry Moss, Mr. Robert F. Waters and Mr. George F. McRoberts. The booth and equipment was set up and operated during the show by Mr. Charles May assisted by Mr. Andrew Scott.

All things considered, we feel that the show was a definite credit to the Whitin Machine Works and to the type of machinery we manufacture. It is difficult to analyze the benefits of the show from a sales standpoint, as there were so many factors such as price, delivery, etc., to be considered. Then also the mill people at this particular time are greatly concerned about the most uncertain yarn supply, and they are reluctant to commit themselves to the purchase of new machinery while they do not know whether they can obtain satisfactory supplies of yarn on which to operate the equipment.

*Whitin booth at 40th Knitting Arts Exhibition, Atlantic City, New Jersey*

# Suggestion Awards

## Granted in the Months of February, March and April, 1951

### WINNERS

| Dept. | Name | Suggestion Number | Amount of Award |
|---|---|---|---|
| 448 | Chester Greenwood | 47-611 | $400.00 |
| 487 | Walter Frieswick | 50-218 | 125.00 |
| 438 | Richard Baker | 50-253 | 100.00 |
| 433 | Robert Couture | 51-2 | 95.00 |
| 409 | Robert Henderson | 50-238 | 95.00 |
| 462 | Telex Richard | 50-190 | 55.00 |
| 412 | Leo Brouillard | 51-17 | 50.00 |
| 407 | Lionel Vadenais | 51-13 | 50.00 |
| 454 | Albert Belanger | 51-7 | 30.00 |
| 407 | Leo Cournoyer | 51-63 | 30.00 |
| 438 | Edwin T. Prior | 51-44 | 25.00 |
| 413 | John E. Healey | 47-117 | 25.00 |
| 449 | Helen DeLucia | 50-227 | 20.00 |
| 438 | Edwin T. Prior | 50-197 | 20.00 |
| 438 | Edwin T. Prior (Additional) | 50-197 | 15.00 |
| 440 | Albert Emond, Paul Roy | 51-15 | 15.00 |
| 449 | Frederick Baarda | 50-264 | 10.00 |
| 489 | Robert Balcome | 50-257 | 10.00 |
| 410 | Henry Charron | 51-25 | 10.00 |
| 438 | Manning Arnold | 51-55 | 10.00 |
| 449 | Leo R. Ethier | 51-57 | 5.00 |
| 414 | Arthur J. Dupras | 47-257 | 5.00 |
| 440 | Russell Durand, Joseph Scott | 50-251 | 5.00 |
| 408 | Vernard E. Tracy | 50-177 | 5.00 |
| 404 | Benjamin Applegate | 50-250 | 5.00 |
| 453 | Henry Isabelle | 51-34 | 5.00 |
| 466 | Rosaire Rajotte | 51-36 | 5.00 |
| 436 | Forrest D. Peck | 49-180 | 5.00 |
| 424 | Harold Leoncini | 50-221 | 5.00 |
| 407 | Jacob Wiersma | 51-18 | 5.00 |
| 423 | Matthew Krajewski | 51-28 | 5.00 |
| 417 | Charles Malkasian | 51-32 | 5.00 |
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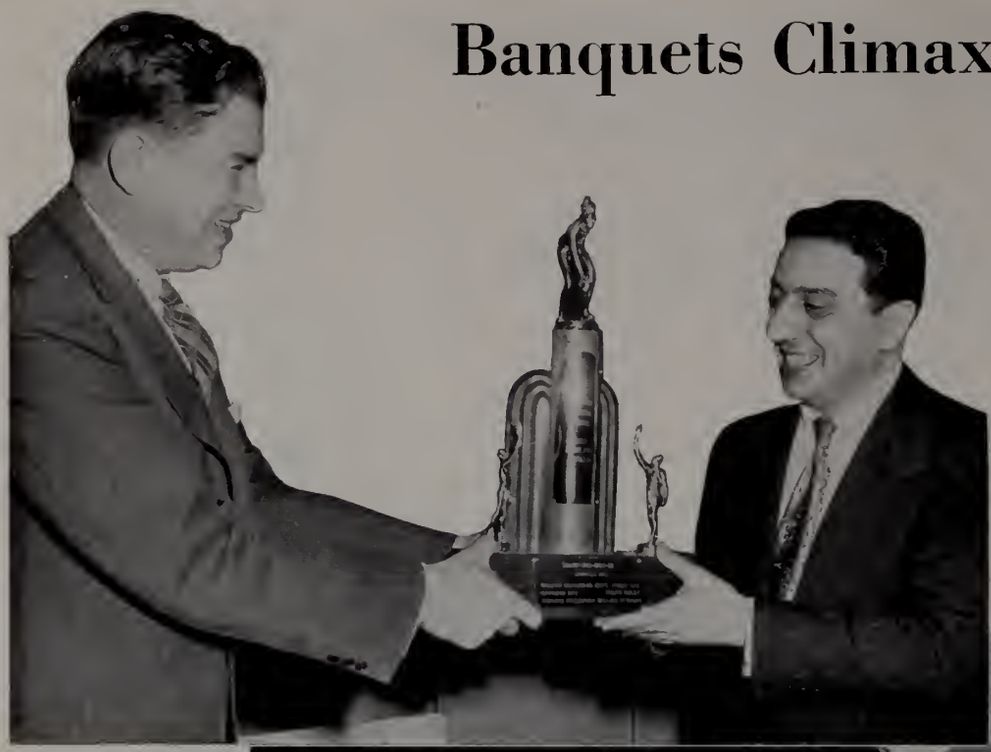
| 494 | Richard Ramsbotham | 51-42 | 5.00 |

*Walter Frieswick, Department 487, received $125 for suggesting a more economical method of machining waste chutes*

*Lionel Vadenais, 407, received $50 for suggesting an improved method of material handling in the Freight House*

# Banquets Climax Bowling Season

## *Prizes Awarded*



*Bill Markarian, captain of the Grinder Job team, proudly accepts championship trophy from Erik Pierson, Works manager*

*Winners of the individual cash awards were Chet Jones, Paul Mathieu, Phil Rae, Luke Lomartire, Richard Frieswyk, and Wayne Burroughs*

*Curtis M. Carr is shown awarding Frances Haringa a trophy for high three strings. Rose Greenwood, center, was awarded a trophy for high single and Millie Turgeon, right, was awarded a trophy for high average*

The Whitin Shop Bowling League, in closing a successful season, celebrated with a banquet at the Colonial Club in Webster, May 9. The 58 members who attended the banquet enjoyed a succulent steak, lobster, or chicken dinner. Among the invited guests were Erik O. Pierson, Works manager; Frank N. Stone, personnel director; and John H. Cunningham, superintendent. Henry Crawford, league president, was toastmaster.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Erik Pierson presented the championship trophy to the Grinder Job, and John Cunningham presented the many team and individual cash awards.

*At the head table were Newell Wallace, league secretary; John Cunningham, plant superintendent; Henry Crawford, league president; Erik Pierson, Works manager. Frank Stone, personnel director, is not shown*

*Members of the men's bowling league who enjoyed steak were seated at this table*

The teams who received cash awards were Grinder Job, winners of the league; Spindle Job, runners-up; Tin Cylinder Job, 1st high team total; Main Office and Apprentice teams, tied for 2nd high team total; the Spindle Job for 1st high team string and the Main Office for 2nd high team string.

Individual cash awards were presented to Phil Rae for high individual average, to Luke Lomartire for second place high individual average, and to Harvey Departie for third place individual average. Awards also were presented to Paul Mathieu for high three strings; to Chester Jones who ranked second for high three strings; to Wayne Burroughs for high single; and to Richard Frieswyk for second high single.

On May 3, the Whitinsville Women's Bowling League held its first annual banquet at the Colonial Club in Webster with 57 members and guests present. The master of ceremonies, Mr. Curtis Carr, and Mr. Oscar Silverman, county editor of *The Evening Gazette* and originator of the WTAG Bowling Tournament, awarded 90 prizes to the bowlers. Individual championship trophies were presented to each member of the winning team and smaller individual trophies were awarded to the runners-up. Individual seasonal record awards were presented to Rose Greenwood for high single, Frances Haringa for high triple, and Millie Turgeon for high average. The next in line for seasonal records were awarded medals. Trophies for high single, high triple and high average on each of the six teams were awarded as well as 31 weekly prizes of a dollar (one duplicate prize for a tie) were given out. Bowling girls novelty pins were presented to the low team as booby prizes. The awarding of prizes was followed by the election of officers for the coming season, with the following officers elected: Millie Turgeon, president; Louise O'Connell, vice-president; Evelyn Johnson, secretary; and Florence Higgins, treasurer.

*The bowling enthusiasts who enjoyed ham and turkey congregated at this table*

*Those who favored steak sat at this table while attending the Whitinsville Women's Bowling League Banquet, May 3*

# Softball

By Harold Case

If your next-door neighbor is under 50 and over 16 and you want to borrow his lawn mower some night this summer, you will have to make a tour of the softball fields to get his permission. You certainly won't find him at home.

The fellows who have left town and are in the Service will find this hard to believe, but there are actually 42 softball teams operating this summer. This includes five girls' teams and a three-team league for Christian Reform Junior boys.

Allowing for doubling and tripling up in various leagues, I would guess there are about 450 men collecting charley-horses and base hits. We have more players and teams than the combined Dodger and Yankee farm systems. The calibre of play is just as diversified, too; it has to be with so many playing. All kinds are out there puffing for "dear old Siwash." There is the four-for-four slugger and the 0-for-four swinger who does no more damage than to stir up a mighty breeze with his bat.

It is impossible to rate the teams in the WMW Industrial League. There are 17 of them and they play each other only once. As there have been but four games played at this writing, I really haven't a thing to go on. Some of the teams are undefeated, but perhaps they have met only the weaker teams. I will guess, though, that the teams which are still up in the top half after playing four more games will be fairly certain of staying there for the rest of the season. Regardless of where the teams end up, on top or 17 feet down in the cellar, there seems to be a terrific amount of enthusiasm among the players and strong support from non-playing co-workers, so much so that

*Drafting Room, Department 494. Front row, left to right: Barry Judson, Mike Marker, Henry Rivet, Leo Roy, Bob Crossland, Al Laucis. Standing, left to right: Harold Case, John Lash, Stuart Visser, Jack Rauth, Stanley Witek, James Arsenault, Arthur Wilson. Fred Tattersall was absent*

*Time Study, Department 485. Front row, left to right: Caesar Cocchiara, Oscar Asadoorian, Thad Fronczak, Ralph Stinson, Walter Lanagan. Back row, left to right: Edgar Haworth, manager; Gordon Spence, Joseph Krull, Harley Simmons, Leonard Skeery, Edward Ahlstrom, James Hudner, David Hayward. (William McGrath, John Romasco, Robert Doyle were absent)*

*Packing, Department 453. Front row, from left: Andrew Gallick, Emile Courtamanche, Will Bisson, Bill Laroque, A. Boulanger, Louis Vermette, manager. Second row, left to right: Emile Pouliot, Bill Kennedy, Louis Chouinard, Camille Roy, Smokey Stanick, Red Jasmin, Fernand Roy*

*Foundry, Department 404. First row, left to right: James Maffia, Edgar Thibault, Armand Gagnon, Justin Forcier, Joseph Guidi, James Williams. Second row, left to right: Robert Gariepy, Joseph Berard, Harold Cadorette, Alphonse Chattman, J. V. Chattman, Raymond Drainville, John Salome*

I am sure next year will find the same departments back again with probably more departments added to the roster.

I might add for the benefit of the readers of the SPINDLE who are not around this summer, that all the teams have been outfitted by the Shop with very colorful jerseys and caps. I use the word colorful advisedly—you can't imagine the color combinations of so many teams. The jerseys are two-colored with a third color used for the department number. Joseph's coat of many colors would pale to insignificance among such raiment.

It is a little easier to predict the future standing of the five teams in the REC League. The Gym, being last year's winner, is the team to beat and it looks like Fred's Restaurant will be the team in the best position to do it. Fred's almost did it the last two years and this being the third-year try, it could happen. The Gym lost to them the first time around so it may be an omen—I hope not. The Triple "A" and Hall-Newell are newcomers to the league this year and Avakian Shell makes up the fifth team.

The Pops' League has the same four teams battling each other with no holds barred. Once more the Gym is the team to beat and it is a toss-up as to whether Mizzy's Tile or Lawton's Gashouse Gang will be able to do it. I'm undoubtedly putting the "Whammy" on the Gym team but I don't think the Gym's opponents can defeat them. Anyhow, you can't be a prophet if you don't go out on a limb once in a while.

St. Patrick's entry in the Church League looks to me to be an easy repeat champion. All the experienced players are with St. Patrick's and most of them are good "stickers." Christian Reform has always given them a battle, but the C.R. boys are losing their fine pitcher, Bert Breuker. That is the one trouble with softball as a game. One exceptional pitcher can dominate the game. Someday the pitcher's box may have to be moved back another five feet.

I know nothing about the girls' league except that some of the scores have reached astronomical proportions, and the rivalry is as intense as in the other leagues. Certainly the gals have as much fun and more exercise than the men.

Reviewing this softball situation, locally at least, I am inclined to disagree with the sportswriter who claimed that our country was a nation of spectators. There aren't any spectators in Whitinsville—they're all out on the field!

# *Sports*—Baseball

By James Brosnahan

In my opening column on baseball in '49 I was able to give the fans a run-down on our player roster and do a little reminiscing on our '48 club. In 1950's curtain raiser we had much to talk of—with new lights, bleachers and field improvements, but, for '51, I fear, due to the lateness in the completion of the League's organizational business, I'll have to give you just a brief run-down of the more pertinent business which the League's fathers have acted on and which may be of interest to you all.

The first order of business, then, is the withdrawing of the Milford town team from competition in the Valley League. Due to the uncertainty of the times, and with all sporting attractions showing great cutbacks at the gate, the Milford directors were most hesitant about fielding a club this season. We are most sorry to see Milford leave. (I say this with some misgivings for very vivid in my memory is the fact that Whitin's went two complete seasons before they won their first game at Fino Field.) Milford always was the club to beat in the past three years, always a strong contender, full of colorful ball players, and one of the best backed clubs in the League. The people of Milford fielded a good ball club, built up a fine park and were as instrumental as anyone else in putting the Blackstone Valley League "back in business." Their contribution was truly a community one and I, for one, sincerely hope that after they have used up their "year's leave of absence," they and their ball club will once more return to our circuit.

I believe the League faces its greatest season. We are welcoming two new clubs into our League; Wyman-Gordon of North Grafton and Fort Devens from Ayer. Wyman-Gordon brings the League closer to its ultimate purpose and ambition. This League one day hopes to be a completely industrialized loop, backed by the large industries of this area and intended for the recreation of working men and their families. Wyman-Gordon, with its increased growth, its aggressiveness in the trade and its proven consideration for sports as a recreational facility for its workers, should do much to add interest in a section of our county where once interest in baseball ran rampart but, now is almost dormant. We look forward to showing Worcester and Grafton that our Valley League is proud of its baseball and we hope that it will be so well received through the efforts of this Wyman-Gordon team that this time the northern sections of our county will realize "we have something here" and flock to its support for many years to come.

With the approval of the Commander, Brigadier-General Coulson, the Fort Devens ball club will complete our six-team league. The Army's entry should be, by far, the most colorful in the League's history. For, with its

*James Brosnahan, manager of the Whitin Machine Works baseball team*

untold manpower resources and with the blessing and approval of the League fathers in granting them a flexible roster, the Army can really field a ball club filled with the cream of the crop. This club certainly should be an added attraction.

I do feel, as do many with whom I have talked, that this Fort Devens club shall revive much interest throughout the Valley. We wish to extend to the G.I. team a most hearty welcome; we're most fortunate and pleased to have the Army "aboard."

Another reason why I feel that this can be a great season is, this year we are playing a shorter schedule—only ten weeks—with the hope that the play-offs will be completed by Labor Day. This short schedule should keep interest high, for when a schedule goes 15 or 16 weeks there is a tendency on the part of the fans to only see the "supposed-to-be" important games; with a short schedule every game is close and every one important.

Then, too, we are returning to 50-cent admission prices. Of all the reasons I've heard for poor attendance last year, including television, this was the most predominant. However, there is a school of thought expressed by many that if the people were interested in our League games they would pay the price. It will be interesting to see just how this reduction does affect the gate.

Bob Williams is our coach again, assisted by Harley Buma, Bill Healy and Lou Lucier. As in the past, we expect to see Bob bring in some of America's foremost college ballplayers, and when they're all here we shall introduce them to you in the sports section of the Spindle.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the ball park and are hoping for a truly exciting League race, once more well supported by the fans of Whitinsville.

# *Hobby*—Stamps, the Magic Carpet

Arthur Richards of the Tool Job has a hobby that could almost be called "the magic carpet express"—home port, his living room or den. Arthur is to be envied, indeed, for he can visit some of the world's most remote places all in the matter of a few minutes, without even leaving his armchair.

How would you like to visit Hungary, partly famous for its beautiful folk dances and native costumes; French Equatorial Africa, from which slaves were exported; French Martinique, a small island in the Caribbean; and finally, end your evening's journey by charging home as a Pony Express rider!

In this age you've just about accomplished the impossible, but it can be done—very inexpensively, too. The trip above, in addition to many stopovers not mentioned, would probably cost you about $3.00. It is all very simple—no reservations are necessary—by buying inexpensive packages of mixed stamps you can start an interesting hobby that can provide you with many hours of relaxing entertainment.

Arthur's hobby got under way about 16 years ago, quite by accident. He wanted his two children to become interested in a hobby and started stamp collections for them. Today, Arthur has about 6,000 stamps in his own collection. "Just a small collection," he claims. Arthur points out that stamp collecting has many fine advantages. It is educational in the sense that there is a history behind each stamp that is issued, often commemorating an important date in the annals of the issuing country. Often the hobby is profitable—stamps gain in value. It is worth pointing out that a stamp gains in value if it has been put into circulation with an error or flaw in printing. Also, a stamp becomes more valuable if there is available only a small number of that particular issue. Uncancelled United States stamps never lose their value—they are always redeemable at the price you paid for them and perhaps gain in worth because of special values attached to them by stamp dealers.

The two stamps which Arthur likes best are his Roosevelt stamps and his Will Rogers stamps. Not only did the United States issue stamps honoring these great men, but also other countries throughout the world commemorated their lives by special stamp issues. In the photograph below there are three Roosevelt stamps that were issued by the Republic of San Marino.

Arthur remarks that he does not seek particularly stamp values but looks mainly for the beauty of the stamps. He has stamps of all shapes, sizes, colors, and descriptions. One of the stamps in his collection of the "very plain and ordinary class" is one showing George Washington, the Father of Our Country, with red hair.

*Hungary, the Vatican, Costa Rica, San Marino, French colonies and many Spanish colonies are represented in this stamp display. Arthur Richards has nearly 6,000 stamps but of them all he is particularly fond of the three Roosevelt stamps (encircled above) issued in the Republic of San Marino*

Arthur, who displayed most of his collection at the 1950 Whitin Spindle Hobby Show, is constantly adding to his collection. A month ago he started another very interesting hobby dealing mainly with pets but perhaps we can tell you about that some other time. Arthur, in the meantime, invites you to join the many thousands of philatelists the world over, for an armchair journey to anywhere in the world.

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*Our English cousins pay at least 70 cents for a pack of cigarettes, and pay out almost half of their wages in income taxes. They have Socialism. . . . A pack of cigarettes costs $1.08 in Russia, a loaf of white bread costs 68 cents, and butter to spread on it costs $5 a pound. They have Communism, and . . . (voice from the sidelines): "Brother, they can* keep *it!"*

An aviator instructor, having delivered a lecture on parachute work, concluded with these words: "And if it doesn't open—well, gentlemen, that's what is known as 'jumping to a conclusion.' "

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Wives are like umpires; they make the decisions and they don't think you're safe when you are out.

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Lady, traveling with a friend, to airplane pilot: "Now don't start going faster than sound. We want to talk."

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The man of the hour is the man whose wife told him to wait a minute.

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It's easy enough to spot women drivers. They have more paint on their faces than on their fenders.

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Middle age is when a night out is followed by a day in.

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The most enthusiastic believers in heredity are those who get all their money that way.

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*Judge (in traffic court):* "I'll let you off with a fine this time but another day I'll send you to jail."

*Driver:* "Sort of a weather forecaster, eh, Judge?"

*Judge:* "What do you mean?"

*Driver:* "Fine today—cooler tomorrow."

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*Driver 1:* "What did the foreman say when you banged up the new truck?"

*Driver 2:* "Shall I leave out the cusswords?"

*Driver 1:* "Yes, of course."

*Driver 2:* "He didn't say a word."

"What makes you think he's dumb?"

"Well, you know that poster down at the post office reading, 'Man wanted for robbery in Chicago?' "

"Yeah."

"Well, he went in and applied for the job."

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Little George was saying his good night prayers in a very low voice.

"I can't hear you, dear," said his mother.

"Wasn't talking to you!" said little George firmly.

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"Was father violent when you asked for my hand?"

"Was he violent? I thought that he would shake my arm off."

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JUST DEPENDS

"Long hair makes a man look intelligent."

"Not if his wife finds it on his coat."

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Angus had lived two months in America when he went to see a movie laid in the Canadian wilds. Presently he saw a closeup of a moose.

"I dinna ken what yon beastie is," he remarked to his companion.

His friend explained that it was a moose.

"A moose?" Angus cried. "Aweel, if that is a moose, I dinna want to meet an American rat then!"

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*Ghostly voice (in haunted house):* "Get out, get out!"

*Man:* "Where are you? I don't see you."

*Voice (meekly):* "I know—the sheets haven't come back from the laundry yet."

# Women's Page

## After-Play Treat for Your Favorite "Cookie Eater"

The children will love these spicy, "nutty," ginger creams, especially that growing boy with the BIG appetite. They're grand snacks. Everyone will "go" for these soft, cakelike cookies. And, for an added touch you can decorate each cookie with initials made with chopped nuts. Then each member of the family can enjoy his very own! Try the recipe below today and wait 'til you hear those compliments!

### FROSTED GINGERBREAD NUT COOKIES

- ½ cup Spry
- ⅔ cup sugar
- ½ cup molasses
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 egg, unbeaten
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2¼ cups sifted all-purpose flour
- ½ cup sour milk
- ½ cup walnuts, chopped

Combine Spry, sugar, molasses, salt, spices and egg, and beat thoroughly. Sift soda with flour. Add flour and sour milk to Spry mixture; add nuts and mix thoroughly. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough on Spry-coated baking sheets. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 12–15 minutes. Frost with creamy vanilla frosting and make initials on top with nuts. Makes about two dozen. For large "newsboy" cookies, use two heaping tablespoons of dough for each cookie and bake about five minutes longer. Makes 12–15.

### CREAMY VANILLA FROSTING

- 1 tablespoon Spry
- 1 tablespoon butter
- ¾ teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons scalded cream (about)

Combine Spry, butter, vanilla and salt, and blend. Beat in one-half cup sugar. Add hot cream alternately with remaining sugar, beating well after each addition. Add only enough cream to make a nice spreading consistency.

### HELPFUL HINTS

**Wash Away Wax:** Use a removable lamb's wool applicator for wood and linoleum floors. Swish it through rich suds to remove wax immediately after use, before wax has time to harden. This lessens fire hazards and keeps odors out of your utility closet.

**Stiffen Rayons:** Rayon blouses that have grown limp can be restored to life by dipping in gelatin. First, wash them as usual in lukewarm soapsuds, and rinse well. Then make dipping solution by softening two tablespoons granulated gelatin in cold water. Dissolve in two quarts boiling water. Cool to lukewarm. Dip garments, squeeze out excess moisture. Iron as usual at low heat while damp.

**A Brush for the Corners:** An old whisk broom trimmed to a sharp "V" point makes a perfect reacher for dusting elusive couch corners or floor corners and the depths of

your favorite easy chairs. It is important to keep the short brush clean, or it will soon just serve to redistribute the dirt. Shake it through rich soapsuds after each use, rinse, and hang it in the sun to dry.

**New Life for Your Flowers and Greens:** Put a small piece of charcoal in your vase of greens—the charcoal will keep the water clear and fresh.

### KITCHEN HINTS

Use the drippings from roast meat, fried sausage, salt pork or bacon to make panned vegetables such as cabbage, kale and spinach . . . add a pinch of cinnamon to your chocolate recipes. The cinnamon brings out the rich chocolate flavor. . . . Roll well-seasoned cream cheese balls in crushed corn flakes for a crispy salad garnish.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

James Hagan, connected with the Garage Department, has been called in the Service. He is a veteran of World War II. At present, Jim is stationed at the Fargo Barracks in Boston. On leaving, he was presented with a purse of money from the boys in the department. . . . Robert Racicot of the Garage Department is stationed at Camp Cook, Calif. He wants to be remembered to the boys. . . . John Grocki has a new DeSoto. He went on a fishing trip with his son recently, lost his way and ended up near the Connecticut line. He is going to take a map along the next time. . . . Joseph Ethier, formerly of the Planer Job, is back on his old job at the Garage. We are glad to have him back.

## LINWOOD MILL

*by Louis Sohigian*

We hope that Louis Hanson will soon be back with us. He has been out ill for quite some time. . . . The softball team, Linwood Rollers, is pretty well organized. At this writing, we've won one game. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Prior, Sr. on their 35th wedding anniversary, celebrated May 9. . . . The birthday candles are being lighted for Annie Malkasian, Adeline Montgomery, Florence Gamelin and Fred Tebeau. Many happy returns. . . . On Friday, May 18, a farewell party was held for Varvar Barsamian of Department 451 who is leaving for California on a leave of absence for her health.

## PICKER SMALL PARTS, PICKER ERECTING, AND DRAWING DEPARTMENT

*by Syd Miedema*

Congratulations to Albert Leduc and Henry Pontbriant on receiving their 25-year pins. . . . Newcomers to Department 421 are Beverly Bratt, John Doherty, Theodore Morel and Bernie Smith. . . . Christine Rajotte has the construction on her new home under way. . . . Joseph Kogut and Arthur Leavitt are setting up machinery in Maine. This is the first outside erecting job for Joe, who is an apprentice. Arthur, who is always first prize winner in the annual garden exhibit, is really concerned about planting his garden. . . . Since his wife went vacationing with relatives, Gordon Freitas is hoping there will be enough dishes in the house to relieve him of washing them. The stack will be reaching the ceiling before long.

Wilfred Signet is recovering nicely after an appendectomy at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. . . . Ralph Field vacationed in Upper New York with friends. . . . Harmas Dion recently received his 10-year service pin. All ten years have been with Picker Erecting. . . . Charles Vear has left the three spindle drill to become tool crib attendant at the same department. . . . Announcement: Zary Gervais is a grandpop for the second time. . . . The newcomers welcomed in Department 446 are Leo Beaudoin, Frank Swierad, Angus Parker, Jr., Paul Asadoorian, and Vincent Pironto. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Abel Lortie. Abel is an ardent fisherman and we hope to see him at it before the season has gone too far.

*After 28 years' service, David Dion retired last month as an elevator operator. Earl Hammond, on behalf of the members of Department 407, presented David with a purse of money. From the left: Earl Hammond, Howard Dunford, Bill McGuire and David Dion*

## MILLING JOB

*by Marie Ebbeling*

The Milling Job softball team opened up its season April 28. The one-time runner-up for representative in Woonsocket, Edward "Shorty" Fontaine, gave a very appropriate speech about the need of more enthusiasm in the teamwork. The first ball was tossed by George Dawe and Johnny McKaig was "Johnny on the spot" with his movie camera. Edward Boutiettea also used his Polaroid camera. There were more than 100 spectators present. The night and day shifts are scheduled to play 4 out of 7 games. The night shift has a very capable third baseman, Sid Vandersea; also, a word of praise to the coach, George DeBarris.

Welcome back to Albert Destrempes who has been out for several months due to an injury to his arm. . . . Cliff Mason spent an interesting week end in New York recently and got a good look at General MacArthur.

Carol Arakelian is sporting around in a brand new Oldsmobile. . . . Anna Carlson is cruising around in a new Chevrolet. . . . The girls presented Ruth Conlee with a May basket recently. She wishes to thank the girls for their thoughtfulness. We are very happy to welcome back both Ruth and Alice Guertin. They have been out ill for a few weeks. . . . Nineteen girls enjoyed a chicken dinner at Ma Glockner's on May 17. They are already making plans for another one.

A busload of men from the Milling Job (all Red Sox fans) attended the ball game, Saturday, May 19, between Boston and Cleveland. Boston won, so everyone was happy. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Vincent on their 31st wedding anniversary. They celebrated the week end in New York City. . . . A very happy birthday goes to Randall Clouart, John Ingham, Arthur Jackman, Orrin Marshall, George Vincent, Irving Orrell, Bernard Cournoyer, Nicholas DeLucia, Albert Mascinica, Philip Larivierre, Dorica Thompson, Aime Aussant, Francis Blette and Paul Rivard.

## PURCHASE-INSPECTION, DRILLING AND JOBBING DEPARTMENTS

*by Frances Kenney*

The welcome mat is out for George Whitehead and Robert Lamoureaux. . . . We welcome back Joseph Brousseau and Eli Mooradian who have been out on sick leave. . . . Birthdays of the month are being celebrated by Helen Potvin and Emma Proulx. . . . Department 489 welcomes back Bill Baker who has been to Florida. . . . Sarah DerSarkersian and Grace Belval received bowling trophies for high team singles. . . . Department 489 held a going-away party for Lois Lajoie at the Bocci Club in Woonsocket on May 24. Lois will reside at Ashby after the 15th of June. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Albert Potvin celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on May 15. A family party was held on May 20. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Bond celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on April 27.

*Harry B. Stuart, center foreground, foreman of the Ring Job for 39 years, was appointed, on May 7, to assist with the development and research work on Spinning and Twister Rings. Harry was born in Napierville, Quebec. He has been with the Whitin Machine Works since August, 1906. Harry's fellow-workers presented him with a leather traveling bag and a lounging chair. Clint Babson, assistant foreman, on the right, made the presentation*

## COMBER JOB

***by Hector Chase***

James Scott, who was called back into the Service May 14, was given a party in his honor, May 18 at the Fish and Game Club where he was presented a purse of money by his friends. . . . There will be no more dishpan hands for Norman Stanley, as over the week end he travelled "down hum" to get his wife and his two daughters who had been on a three-week vacation with Norman's folks in Maine. . . . Birthdays for the month: Henry Kooistra, Stuart Hay, James Spence, George Stanley, Francis Martin and Michael Zylstra. Many happy returns to you.

## STEEL FABRICATING AND CUTTING-OFF JOB

***by Herb Blakely***

Congratulations are in order for Tony Bodreau of Department 432 who was married recently. . . . Bob Moorey is back with us after his recent accident in the Shop. He is feeling better and is the same good-natured boy again. . . . We, of the Steel Fabricating Department, are really protected in more ways than one. We have Lieutenant Closson and Sheriff Nichols of the Upton Police Force and Arthur J. Mercier, honorary chief of Manchaug and Sebago Lake, Me.

Russell Holland, who has his own orchestra, was playing in one of the night spots where a hypnotist was part of the floor show. He volunteered and claims that it actually worked. He later found out that he had done everything that he was told to do. He felt very relaxed when it was over.

The "Buffoon" Club, made up of about 25 members of Departments 410 and 432, presented Sydney Smith and Ernest Ducet with wallets and a purse at Club Lombardi. Both men have been called back to active duty with the Air Force.

## LATHE AND GRINDER JOBS

At the present time Department 426 is without a reporter, so the office crew is trying to fill in for the June issue. . . . Dot Antonian, our former reporter and stock clerk, has left us for Department 417. Priscilla McConnell is replacing Dot as our stock clerk. Welcome, Sis. . . . The bowling trophy is on display in George Moran's office. We're certainly proud of the trophy and the boys!

The men on the Job are displaying new haircuts; they certainly look cool. . . . Alfred Lavallee, our chief inspector, completed 28 years with Whitin on April 23. . . . Beatrice Winchell is recovering from a recent operation. We are looking forward to having her back with us very soon. . . . Frank Coule, our timekeeper, is leaving to become a checker. Peggy Zanchetti replaces him. Our sympathy to Frank Mancini, alone with the girls.

T. Wynga has been transferred to days. A. Nelson has joined the day crew while J. Bagshaw, J. Sheehan, A. Kasik are on the night force. Welcome to all.

## RING JOB

***by Everett A. Gaspar***

Our personality for this month is our former foreman, Harry Stuart. He was born in Napierville, Quebec and attended schools there and in Montreal.

He came to Whitin in 1906 and worked on the Metal Pattern Job, making hand patterns and building moulding machines. On April 12, 1912 he was transferred to Department 411 and put in charge of machinery to manufacture spinning and twister rings. In September, 1912 the machinery then used on rings was moved to the top floor of Building 16 where new machines were added and production rapidly increased as the demand for rings grew. In the latter part of 1923 the department was moved to the top floor of Building 10 where it is presently located. Harry is married to the former Elisabeth Rae of Whitinsville; they have a son, Henry, who is a Comber set-up man for Whitin. Harry's sparetime hobbies include gardening, television and golf.

One of our grinders had an exciting time during the past month. Stanley Laczka, who is deputy police chief of Millville, was called out to exterminate a cat which had turned vicious on its owners. When Stanley arrived, the cat was crouched on the porch and on seeing Stanley sprang at him. After a mighty battle, Stanley emerged the victor, scratched but unbowed. . . . Our timekeeper, Bill Malley, has opened a riding school at his home on High Street, Uxbridge. He has six horses at present, and may add more. He has fields lighted for night riding, and for daytime, there are bridle paths nearby.

We have a few new persons whom we wish to welcome—Alex Scowcroft of town, Henry Grzyb of Webster, and Arline Burns of town. . . . Leaving us are Bill Coppfer and

*Jennie Devlin, seated in the center of the photograph, was guest of honor at a shower held at the Red Top Inn, Medway, April 24*

Richard Calnan. Good luck, fellows. . . . Everyone is wishing Alice Cahill a speedy recovery. She is ill at Memorial Hospital. . . . On Tuesday, April 24 all of the girls went to Red Top Inn in Medway to a shower in honor of Jennie Devlin's forthcoming marriage. She was presented a beautiful piece of Pullman luggage. For entertainment, Alice Dionne and Jennie played the piano and the women sang. Later, everyone enjoyed the fun produced by the motions of the "Hokey Pokey" dance. . . . Marion Doble, who is a member of the Women's League bowling team, was present at the League's banquet at the Colonial Club in Webster.

## TOOL JOB

*by George Jones*

On the evening of May 9 Julius Vierstra telephoned Freddy Rondeau and asked for a ride to work in the morning. During the evening a thunderstorm came up so Mrs. Vierstra pulled out all the wall plugs. One hour later she plugged in the electric clock but failed to set the clock ahead. At ten o'clock Julius turned on the television to watch the fights but could only get the wrestling matches. Next morning Freddy tooted the horn for ten minutes before Julius came to the door with only a pair of dungarees on. A few minutes later Julius came out with his shoes, belt, etc., in his hand. After getting started Freddy had to stop while Julius went back to the house to get his lunch. They only had a few minutes to spare when they reached the parking lot so they took a short-cut to work. On the way they had to come through a fence. Freddy made it all right, but Julius tripped and fell flat on his face. All in all, Julius had one of those days when it doesn't pay to get up.

At this writing, Maynard (Mike) Feddema is in the Whitinsville Hospital. Why not drop around to see Mike or even drop a line or card? One gets pretty lonesome cooped up. . . . George Harabedian enjoyed his birthday April 27 until Joe Bouley came along and generously greased his nose with axle grease. George is a jig maker and has been in the Shop ten years.

The new building that is being built on the new Worcester-Providence turnpike is going to be a lunch and dairy bar owned and operated by Joe Jessome and family. Joe is a repair man and at one time operated the "7J" Garage on the turnpike. . . . On Monday, May 7, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DiCillo went to New London, Conn., to see their daughter, Carmella. Carmella was playing the part of Yum-Yum, a leading role in Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado," which was playing at the United States Naval Submarine Base. The play was presented by the Masque and Lyre Light Opera Company of New York.

The cutter grinding room has three new men. The first is John Calman and he was transferred from 417. . . . The new man with the Italian stogie is Alfred Robega and he had a very large chicken farm at one time. Al comes from Woonsocket. . . . Robert Halacy comes from Uxbridge and is George Moran's brother-in-law. It is rumored that George had him put on the night shift so that he couldn't tell the family how easy George had it in the Shop.

Arnold Inman and Eshak Mooradian have been out of work. Eshak fractured his leg New Year's Eve when he slipped on an icy pavement, and Arnold fractured his foot March 27 while moving a garbage barrel. Eshak is a repair man on the night shift and Arnold is a grinder on the day shift.

Softball . . . May 18, 1951 . . . Dear SPINDLE Diary: The 454 softball team has played three games to date. They have won one and lost two. Department 414 went down to the tune of 26 to 12 but the Foundry let 454 take an 8 to 2 lead and then plowed the tool makers under by a score of 16 to 11. . . . On Monday, May 14, the Rate Setters nosed out 454 by 6 to 5 but it took extra innings. There are no comments on the game with the Planer Job but in the Foundry game the boys looked good at bat but terrible on the field. The Wage Standards game was just the opposite, they were really good on the field but poor at hitting. The three-base hit of Phil Larsen and the pitching of Mike Petrowicz was outstanding. . . . The Tool Job team has a loyal rooter in Roy Lermond. Roy went down to Plummers Field twice in one night but the field was deserted, because the game had been postponed.

The apprentices that Department 454 has had in the last couple of months are John Baker, Kevin McKeating, Roland Benoit, Ray Schotanus, Ray Richards and Henry (Hank) Krawczyk. The two Rays are studying to be machinists but the other four want to be tool makers. . . . John Baker has built himself a new house and has worked in WMW six years before his apprenticeship. He lives on Purgatory Road. . . . Kevin McKeating lived in Whitinsville before getting married and now lives in Woonsocket. Kevin worked eight and one-half years in the Shop and most of it was on Department 446. . . . Roland Benoit lives in Northbridge Center and has worked in the Shop eight years. He is married and has one child. . . . Hank Krawczyk worked on Department 454 for three years before going on his time and lives in Woonsocket. He plays on the Apprentices' softball team. . . . Ray Richards is the only single apprentice on the job now. He lives in East Douglas. Ray has worked with Norman Fields and Herb Henderson in the Rattle Room.

Another month has passed by and still no news from the night shift. It doesn't do a bit of good to ask, for the only answer one gets is that nothing happens on the night shift.

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

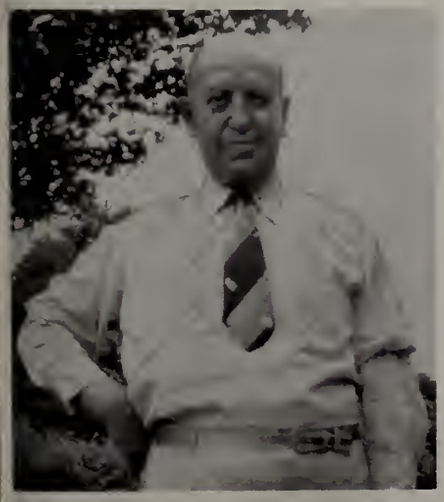
*by Francis Horan*

To start this month's column, let's give a thought to Chief Albert Cullen's warning, along with the Highway Safety Campaign's same slogan—"Please drive carefully, remember, the children are going to be out of school this month." . . . Visitors these past few weeks have been Jenny Panattoni and Mrs. Joseph Carlino from Galveston, Texas, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sabattino, North Uxbridge. Mrs. Sabattino, better known as "Vicki," was formerly employed on Department 433 and is convalescing at her home after an operation. The visitors are her sisters.

Roy Krumbholtz recently came out of Memorial Hospital and then he had to go back again to have his appendix removed. A few years ago Roy was a flagpole painter in New York. . . . We are sorry to see Mr. George Albrecht leave our employ. Whether it was once, twice, or ten times a day, he always had a cheery smile and hello for everyone he knew. . . . We rather miss our toolmaker, but for your enlightenment, Bob Couture is on jury duty. . . . That man, with the big cigar, was your own Bill Rutana, foreman of 448C, escorting a Polish visitor through the factory. Willie has passed his test for a member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Heard and seen around the Shop—Henry Rasco with a new fly reel darting around Linwood Pond, looking for that spot. . . . Frank Rondeau with a ticket for the original amateur hour by Ted Mack in New York, benefit for the Foundling Homes in New York. . . . Tom Poddy, making the best fish lures out of the gaily colored papers that some cigarette manufacturers use for binding. . . . The wonderful dill pickles, home canned, by Mrs. Mary Sousla, wife of Mike Sousla of Department 433. The same goes for the Italian club sandwiches of Tony Iannitelli and wife of Department 448. . . . Gardening angles—Just checked my plot. I knew I had the green thumb but why do all woodchucks and rabbits have to prove it?

*Our personality, Arthur L. Prince, Department 448C.* Arthur, born in East Douglas, March 31, 1889, first came to Whitin in 1905 to work on the Card Job under Mr. Schofield. He has since been on the Comber Job, the old Loom Job, Picker Job, Combers and Speeders. During the war he worked on turbines and since then has been working on the spinning and woolen set-up floors. Arthur lives on North Street, East Douglas. He has three boys: Raymond in the Freight House, Clemence on the Screw Job, and Louis in one of the Packard Mills. His daughter, Beatrice, is at home, and he has seven grandchildren. His hobbies are gardening and taking care of his grandchildren.



*Arthur Prince has been with the Whitin Machine Works for 46 years*

## GEAR JOB

*by Agnes Spratt*

The first softball game was held at the Linwood grounds. Department 420 scored 33 runs and Department 453 scored six. The outstanding stars were Bunny Howard and Babe Brochu. Bunny hit a home run and Babe was the speed demon.

*Earl Hanny is a senior employee with 56 years of service*

Earl H. Hanny, the personality of the month, was born in Whitinsville in 1878 and has been with WMW for 56 years. Six of these years have been spent on the Gear Job and the other 50 can be divided among Looms, Spinning, Card and Milling Departments. He has liked each and every job he has done. Earl says, "I can't pick any one job over the other, because everyone has used me good." He enjoys reading the newspaper and listening to the radio. When asked if he had a family, he replied, "Oh, yes, I have a daughter and a pet dog!" A dog certainly should be considered a member of the family. Mr. Hanny recently returned to us after a three-month leave of absence. I would like to thank Mr. Hanny for his co-operation in making this interview possible.

## SPINDLE JOB

*by Edward Bates*

*Personality:* John Simonis started work with WMW in 1914 and worked for about a year. His seniority started in April, 1922 at his old job in the Foundry. In 1938 he was transferred to this job as a butt straightener.

*John Simonis, spindle butt straightener, has been with the Spindle Job since 1938*

John is married and has three daughters and two sons. Ardella, a daughter, is a first lieutenant and is now serving in Texas. Another daughter is now a school nurse in Whitinsville.

Benjamin Mezynski of this Job received his 15-year pin in May. . . . The other week Arthur King of this Job went pout fishing down on the Cape. On his way home, he stopped in Wrentham and remembered he had left his pole on the beach. He had to travel back after it. (This is the fun of being a sportsman.)

## ROVING SMALL PARTS, FLYER JOB AND ERECTING

*by Dan Gonlag*

On May 5, Art Litke concluded his duties as foreman of Department 427 and recently assumed the duties of assistant divisional superintendent under Jacob DeJong. Art received a fishing rod and reel from the employees on the Job. He reports catching six fish that totalled 30 pounds the first time he used his new equipment. . . . The title of Number One Fisherman in our department now goes to Fred Kramer, since Art has left us. Almost any evening Fred can be seen on Linwood pond in his boat. . . . William Lyman is now acting foreman of Department 427.

Milton Murray has been called into the Service and is at present stationed at Camp Jordan, Ga. Co-workers on the Job presented Milt with a purse of money. . . . One of the best-liked fellows in Department 427 concluded his employment with Whitin's recently. Freddie Chilles returned to his home in Vinal Haven, Me. to be near his sister and mother who are ill. Fred's co-workers presented him with a purse of money.

Arthur Defoe is again back on the Job after being home for four weeks due to a fall in his home. . . . Glad to have Vickie Poloquin back with us again after a ten-week leave of absence, at which time she underwent an operation. . . . Lillian Podsiadlo recently purchased a brand-new 1951 Dodge. . . . Shirley Kennedy, timekeeper in Department 435, has left to devote all her time to housekeeping. . . . Bernell "Lefty" Jordan is pitching for Whelan's Gulf Team of

*Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lavine celebrated their first wedding anniversary last month. Henry is a carpenter who works for Jack Shaw*

*Mr. and Mrs. Webb Lavine celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary*

*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevenson are shown cutting their silver wedding anniversary cake at a party held in their honor in April*

Millville in the Woonsocket Suburban League.

Bill Hayes, commander of Jeffrey L. Vail Post, American Legion, was a busy man last month making plans for the observance of Memorial Day in town. . . . Bill's wife, Mrs. Anne F. Hayes, president of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in town, has completed arrangements with Radio Station WAAB of Worcester to have three mothers from our community, who have sons in battle overseas, send messages to them on July 4. This is going to be transmitted in their own voices so that the boys can hear the voices of their loved ones back home. . . . Mrs. Hayes and her aides assisted in collecting money for the heart and cancer drives held in Whitinsville, recently.

## CARDS—SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

***by Millie Turgeon***

Alice and Joe Hern of Departments 422 and 412, respectively, recently lost their home and all its contents in a fire. Mr. and Mrs. Hern wish to thank all who contributed in any way toward helping them and are most grateful to all concerned. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baird took a trip to Washington, D.C. and planned to visit their daughter there for three or four weeks. Unfortunately, Andy returned home within ten days a very sick man. Andy, at this writing, is in the Memorial Hospital awaiting an operation. We certainly hope that he will be on the road to recovery soon.

Wilfred Morin, who has been out for several weeks due to injuries suffered when a truck rammed into the rear of his car, is now back to work, although still rather stiff and sore. . . . Wendell Piper, of Department 419, also had an accident. He was helping to move a refrigerator up a flight of stairs when he missed his step, and down the stairs he tumbled, the "frig" after him. Although Wendell wasn't seriously injured, he was out for a few days. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoekstra celebrated their silver anniversary with their family at a dinner on May 14. . . . Horace Ravenelle recently had a pleasant week-end tour of the White Mountains. . . . We welcome Francois Belliveau to Department 422. Back in '47 he worked on No. 419. He then became a motorcycle racer and raced in Albuquerque, N. Mex., Pueblo, Colo., Reading, Pa. and other important cities throughout the country. The races which he competed in were on flat courses on dirt tracks. He averaged second place in these races.

We also welcome Chester Generex. He is a newcomer to Whitin, having at one time worked in the Putnam Wool Finishing Company and before that operating a small workshop of his own with a few looms, taking in subcontract work. He lives in North Grosvenordale and hunting and fishing are his hobbies.

Birthday greetings are wished for our stock clerk, Rita Deome, and Dick Sanderson, Jr. . . . Oscar Kurowski, his wife, and another couple went fishing one Saturday at Plymouth in a boat with an outboard motor. About a mile out, Oscar told the other fellow to throw out the anchor. He did and they never saw the anchor again—they had forgotten to tie it to the boat!

## BOX JOB

***by Bernice Asdikian***

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Lavine celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary in May. The occasion was marked with a family dinner. Joining in the observance was their son, Lewis, and also their daughter, Mrs. Francis Harris, both of Uxbridge. Webb and Mrs. Lavine have two grandsons. The celebrants are natives of Malone, N. Y., where they were married on May 18, 1917. They have resided here for the past 32 years. Webb is one of the Whitin 30-year men.

We missed our friend Pete Lemire for the two weeks he was absent. Unfortunately, Pete was seriously injured in an automobile accident. We are happy to see him back assembling boxes again. . . . Roland Bilodeau was also out last month because of an auto accident. It's nice to have him back.

We welcome two new men to the department this month. One is Joe Marszalkowski, from Webster. He is a transfer from the Paint Job. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. We understand there is ample opportunity in Webster for the latter sport. . . . Our other new employee is Joe Grimard and he hails from Woonsocket. He has never worked in the Shop before and his hobby also is fishing. . . . Mike Ovian is very happy in his new home in New Village.

Foreman Al Blanchette attended the F.P.R.S. Wood Industry Exposition in Philadelphia. He was accompanied by Dick Davidson, Ken Greenwood, Ken Meader and Ray Fullerton. They report it was an interesting trip.

Before closing the column I would like to mention that Jimmy Dorsey is still rooting for his champ, Jimmy Bratton. Never mind, Jim, maybe he will win next time.

## CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

***by Rusty Malkasian***

Personality of the month is "Jake" Hoogoian who retired from the Shop on May 25, 1951. Jake was born in Karpoot, Armenia, March 15, 1880, home city of Yeprad College, famous for educational and missionary work, founded and controlled by the United States. He came to this country on Christmas, 1899 from Marseilles, France, and to Whitinsville two years later. After working in the Cast Iron Room for two years he was transferred to the Chuck Job in 1903 and has remained there until his retirement. Jake served under five foremen: Louis Metcalfe, William Hughes, William Foster, Robert K. Marshall and his present foreman, Leon H. Barnes. Jake's outside activities include membership to the Armenian Apostle Church, president and secretary for eight years in the Education Society Pazmashen

*A shower was held for Kay Kane of the Winder Job, May 9 at the Colonial Club in Webster in honor of her marriage, Saturday, May 26. The girls from the Job presented Kay with a purse of money. Seated, left to right: Katy Magill, Ann Winchell, Anita Duckworth, Ann Whalen and Kay Kane. Standing, left to right: Helen DeLuca, Agatha Guertin, Celia Donaldson, Rita Skinyon, Mary Whalen, Evelyn Johnson, Jennie Spratt, and Mary St. George*

member of the A.D.L. Club, member of the B.E.S. Society, and member of A.G.B. Union. Jake has lived a very interesting life and on retiring he is planning to visit relatives in California. The workers here gave a retirement testimonial for Jake at the Rock Gardens, Milford. The evening's festivities started with a full-course chicken dinner, entertainment by Job personnel, and finally highlighted with a presentation by M.C. "Cookie" Barnes. On behalf of the Job members, Cookie presented Jake with appropriate luggage for his California trip. We wish Jake many more happy years.

Norman Spratt is back with us again after 12 weeks of sick leave. He is feeling better now and is rapidly gaining back his old form. . . . Ray Achorn is also back with us after a turn of hospital confinement. Our sick list continues to grow. . . . Gene Bousvert has recovered from an operation and is back with us once again. . . . Len Hinchliffe is also back. Len had been out for two weeks including a week of hospital duty.

We have many changes in the personnel roster here. John Calan, tool cribman, is now with the Tool Job. . . . Pete Ledoux has been promoted as our new cribman. . . . John Bosse is back with us once again after an absence of over a year. John has been in Canada. . . . Dot Antoian has become our new clerk, replacing Mrs. Adams who was transferred to another department. . . . Mrs. Nancy Moss has also taken over a clerk's job in the office, replacing Ruth Magill who is out ill. . . . Richard O'Rourke has also arrived to take over some inspection duties.

George Jordan liked it here so well that he moved his family here from Maine and has taken up residence in Worcester. . . . Harry Truman provided free transportation for Robert Pariseau to Bermuda, round trip. Bob is in the Naval Reserve and recently enjoyed a two-week cruise. He tells me that the gals there won't even look at you unless you own a yacht or two or have a cool (or hot) million dollars.

Ed Rabitor has five children at home; he takes his fishing equipment to work for fear that it will be all in pieces when he gets home. . . . I have received word from Pvt. Alfred J. Violette, R.A. 11201627, Co. A, 185th Engr. Combat—Bn. APO 301 c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. I have written his address because he is stationed in Korea and would certainly appreciate hearing from his many friends back home. We hope that Al will be back with us soon.

## WINDER JOB

*by Floyd Gudanowski*

"Front and center" this month is the Winder softball team, which is being handled again this year by the very capable "Call Me Skipper" DeGaetano. The team, attired in colorful uniforms of yellow and black, is currently riding the crest of a three-game winning streak.

The opening day ceremony in Rockdale was highlighted by Sam Cleland, who threw out the first ball to his battery mate, Sam Luksys. Jim Cunningham played the National Anthem on his pipes and Herb Alger presented Leo Ethier with a trophy for being "the most valuable player" on last year's team.

Before a sell-out crowd we took the opener from Crib No. 5 by a 9 to 6 score. Chuck Wade drew the mount assignment and tossed a neat five-hitter, fanning nine men. The victory proved costly, however, as we lost the services of "crack" infielder Teddy Podles, who was spiked and may be lost for the season. His position was handed over to "Billy Dale," who at the moment is being groomed for "Rookie of the Year Award." Joe Monfreda also joined the team here after being sidelined for a month by a minor operation.

After their overnight flight from Rockdale to Plummers, the team chalked up their second straight win at the expense of Department 420 by a 13 to 3 margin. "Lem" Lemoine on the hill fashioned a sparkling three-hitter. Chuck Wade led the assault with four straight hits, while "Mossy" Murray and "Sooey" DeGaetano belted long homers. Familiar faces at this game included Josie Trajanowski, formerly of this department, and big Frank Zajonc, home on leave before he heads for the West Coast with the Army.

*There was plenty of action in the softball game between the Winder Job and the Gear Job. The Winders won by a 13 to 3 margin. At bat is Leo Ethier of the Winder Job*

Before a ladies' day crowd we rounded out our western trip in Linwood, with a decisive 11 to 3 victory over Department 405. This gave us three wins in a row. Chuck Wade hung up his second straight win, scattering five hits effectively. "Sooey" DeGaetano led the attack with three doubles and a single. Henry Jacques' son played for Department 405 and tried every trick in the book to upset his father's Alma Mater. Leo Durocher, take notice!

The softball picture shown above was taken by Alice Ellsey, who has attended every game. We doff our hats to a loyal fan.

"Lem" Lemoine, our cartoonist and softball pitcher, has been transferred to the steam fitters. He isn't completely lost, however, as his name is still on our team roster. "Lem" was a charter member of the Winder Job with ten years' service. We wish him the best of luck on his new job.

Betty Butler got the fever again and spent a recent week end planting potatoes at Aroostook County, Maine. . . . John Meagher was presented a purse, May 14, by the boys on the Job at a get-together. The occasion was his forthcoming marriage to Katherine Kane, May 26. Everyone wishes this couple the best of luck. . . . Jerry Leveille is the owner of a new saddle horse. . . . Albert Ethier has been transferred to Department 420. . . . Welcome back, Ray Carr, after your brief illness and Teddy Podles after your injury. . . . Carl Nyquist is still testing the durability of ears. This time he picked a new Ford.

## ROLL JOB

*by Cesag Onanian*

The personality of the month is Joseph J. Reneau who was born here in Whitinsville on September 29, 1893. He started to work in the Roll Job under Lloyd Smith in 1908 and has worked under five foremen in his 43 years on the Job. His first job was filing flutes as was the usual custom during that time for the young fellows who started on the Job. He has also coupled, and up until last year he operated the bossing out machines, but these machines have since been eliminated from the Job. He is now operating one of the new automatic machines. He was married in 1920 and has one son who also worked on the Roll Job. During World War I he served with the 869 Aero Squadron. He was a member of the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps. His hobbies are gardening and sports, especially hockey.

Apologies to our former timekeeper, Lucy Ross, for not acknowledging her illness. Now that Lucy is back after a 12-week absence,

*Joseph Reneau, of the Roll Job, is a veteran of World War I*

we wish her the very best of health while with Department 423. . . . Robert Mandeville was out because of illness and we're glad to see him back again. . . . Edward Ebbeling has been out for the past six weeks because of illness and we wish him a speedy recovery. . . . We are glad to have Ed Driscoll back after being out ill. . . . Birthday greetings are extended to Andrew Buwalda, Broer DeVries, Manoog Malkasian, Anthony Marteka, Chester Flinton, Harold O'Connell and Forrest Peck.

## BOLT AND PLANER JOBS

*by Ray Woodcome*

We are happy to welcome to Department 414: Helen Dykstra, Julian Thiebault, William Casey, Robert Leclerc, Jerry Johnson, Walter Stanovich, George Burdick and George Pamula.

We envy Jerry Bruso and Raoul Poulin. They spend every week end at Point Judith. Jerry, incidentally, bought a home in Upton and will be moving there shortly. . . . Fred Harder, Bill Hughes, George MacGregor, Fred Siepietowski and Ray Smith travelled to Boston to see "Rapid" Robert Feller (Cleveland Indians) go down to defeat at the hands of their beloved Red Sox. . . . Willie Chiras has decided to go into business for himself. If you happen to be driving through Derry, N. H., don't forget to patronize Willie's gas station.

At the time of this writing Ethel Blakely is in Memorial Hospital and Veronica Mahoney is in St. Vincent's. We hope both of you have a speedy recovery. . . . Ernest Buker is still recuperating from his illness and Ira Colby is absent from work with an infected arm.

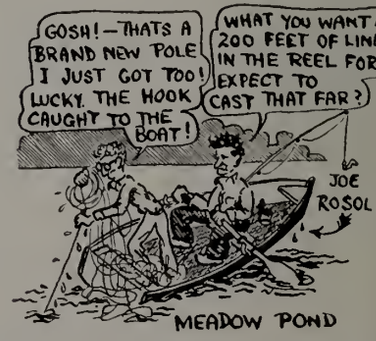
## CORE ROOM

*by Francis Shugrue*

Omer Parent was born in Northbridge, May 22, 1917. He came to work in the Core Room in January, 1936. In October of 1939 he entered the Army and stayed there for six years. Three of his Army years were spent on different islands in the Pacific. After his discharge in November of 1945, he came back to work again in the Core Room, where he now operates an air machine. Omer was married in June of 1947 and makes his home with his wife in Farnumsville. Omer has the distinction of being the "Strawberry King" of the Core Room. He has 5,600 plants and finds this type of hobby a very profitable one in the summer months.

Jim Benjamin had his garage repair man come to the Shop parking lot recently to take his car to the garage for repairs. When Jim went to get the car from his parking stall it wasn't there and a different make of car was in his car's place. He figured that the garage man took his car and left the other for Jim to drive home from work. Anyway, the car had its keys and a 5-gallon can of gasoline was in the back seat. Jim drove the car to the garage, told the man that he was returning the car and would like to have his own if it was ready. The garage man, who was as much amazed as Jim was going to be, informed him that his car was in the Shop parking lot in a different stall and he didn't know who owned the car that Jim was in possession of at the moment. With visions of state troopers dancing in his head, Jim drove madly back to the Shop, carefully parked the strange car, found his own, and then left for home.

We in the room wish our two hospital cases, Pete Malo and Arthur Hemingway, a speedy recovery. . . . Good luck to Mary (Devlin)




*Here's a pretty kettle of fish! Bob Dufresne, of the Planer Job, went fishing on Meadow Pond but spent most of his time retrieving his fishing rod which he dropped overboard*

Peehulis who has left our room to live in Fitchburg.

## FREIGHT OFFICE

*by Harold E. Libby*

Congratulations to Raymond Hartshorn and Chester Farrar on receiving 10-year pins. . . . Welcome to Mrs. Marion Merchant and Everett Forsythe, newcomers to our department. . . . It is nice to see Raymond Hartshorn back to work after being out for several weeks due to a knee injury. . . . Alfred "Buddy" Banks who works at Arthur St. Andre's Receiving Department left May 18 to accept a position at Toy Town Tavern, a Treadway Enterprise at Winchendon, Mass. We all wish him a fine summer. . . . Irene Wollaek recently visited the Latin Quarter to see the Danny Thomas Show. She had a grand time. . . . We are all glad to see Nancy Britten in a new car. The missing running board on the old car always was confusing when six or eight of our crew rushed to Ashworth's for dinner.

Chet Farrar, Raymond Pouliout, Rene Picard and Bill Young visited Braves' Field May 11 for the Braves-Dodgers game. . . . Many letters have been received from Arthur Malo who is stationed at Honshu, Japan. Arthur reports he is working 10 to 12 hours a day, minus time and a half! He says that he'll be glad to get back home so that he can enjoy a good rest. . . . With the Girls' Softball Teams starting practice, Phyllis Lemoine, Peg Cawley and Eleanor Wood of "Duggan's Dolls" and Bea Laban of the "Dots and Dashes" are coming in mornings after practice, all crippled. It looks like a big season.

Howard Libbey, our officer at the Freight House, seems to have a new duty added to his present schedule. One of our employees recently approached him and asked for a paper and pencil, whereupon he wrote his name and address and handed it to the officer. Howard, thinking that an accident or similar occurrence had taken place, inquired and much to his dismay, received this answer—"Oh, there's no charge of any kind, I would like to have first choice of Minerva's new litter of kittens"; and now we know how to acquire one of the Whitin's pets. It is hoped that there will be enough applicants, thus relieving the headaches of all the officers on duty at the door. All we can say is, Minerva is a very popular gal!

## MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

*by Aileen Blakely*

I am a little late with some of this news but here it is anyway. . . . The office held a farewell party for Betty LaFosse who left to take up her duties as a housewife. The party was held at the Colonial Club in Webster. . . . We have two newcomers to the office (at least they were a month or so ago). They are Chesterline Cichonski, Betty LaFosse's sister; and Anne Black.

We have a couple of fellows here in the office who like to go fishing out in a boat. It so happened that the other week they rented a motor boat. Bob got the motor all hepped up but still the boat didn't move very fast, so he decided to investigate. He looked over the side and there it was—the anchor. Ernie, his right-hand man, had forgotten all about it. Ernie was a Navy man.

*On April 12 James Marshall (center) of the Sales Department, celebrated his 65th birthday. Those who helped Jim to enjoy the cake were (left to right): Louis Chabot, Agnes Kalousdian, Joanne Clason, Esther Anderson and Tom Driscoll*

George DeBoer and wife visited their son, Bob, who is stationed in New Jersey one week end recently. . . . Pvt. Norman Spratt was in to see us the other day. It was nice seeing Norm again.

Alton W. White recently received his 15-year pin. Congratulations, Al. . . . George Albrecht left us last month. George had worked here almost 13 years. . . . Recently, Nancy Small and your reporter enjoyed an interesting trip to Washington and Virginia.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Jean Cunningham*

Don Hamblett is spending all of his evenings working on his house. . . . Virginia Kenyon recently visited in Vermont. She hopes to see the entire U.S.A. one day. . . . Ethel Bates recently motored down to visit her husband in Camp Pickett, Va. . . . Louis Kenny was badly burned on the arm, caused by a steaming kettle. Be careful, Louie. . . . This is a prominent month for birthdays in our department. Congratulations to Alfred Arterton, Harley Buma, Frank DeHaas, Louis Kenny, Hjalmar Larson, Frank Mateer, Earl Mason, Anne Brouwer and Ruth O'Day.

Service pins were presented to David Gray, 20 years; Gunner Carlson, 15 years; Jean Cunningham, 10 years and Bill Neulieb, 5 years. . . . We wish to welcome Barbara Gray to our department. She is the daughter of David Gray. . . . I recently had the job of soliciting for the cancer fund. I did very well, too, considering. Everyone knows that you have experiences such as this one. I knocked on the door of one house, and presently heard quiet little footsteps coming towards the door. A very excited "hello" greeted me and when I stated my business, this is the answer which I received, "Oh, I'm listening to my TV and Groucho!" and thereupon shut the door in my face. It makes you wonder, doesn't it! . . . Oh, yes, Shirley Noble has taken her place at the Master Files for awhile. Helen Altoonian is taking a new job in the back of the room.

## MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

*by R. W. Yeo*

*Personality-of-the-Month:* Octave J. LeBlanc. Octave, who is better known as "Patty" White throughout the Shop, lives at 35 Harvard Street, in North Uxbridge. . . . Patty is married and has two daughters, Claire and Irene. Irene is married and works in the office at 406. . . . On October 12 of this year, Patty will become a 40-year man at WMW. In those 40 years, Patty has become one of the best informed men in the Shop on repair orders and associated work. He has worked on two jobs: Department 429 for 33 years and the Master List Department for seven years. Patty's present job is Repair Order Analyst, although it might very well be chief interpreter of repair orders, as much of his work is of this nature. He is an authority on spinning, twister, quiller, reels and spooler repair parts. Patty's outside activities are gardening and sports. He is a good bowler and follows the major sports of baseball, football and basketball with a great deal of interest.

*"Patty" White*

Happy birthday wishes this month go to Edith Goodwin, Warren Greene, John Larsen, Hazel Creighton, Grace Kazarian, Ethel Braman, James Brosnahan and Claire Baillargeon. . . . John Larsen and wife, Kathy, enjoyed a recent week end in New York where they attended the show "South Pacific." . . . Two fellow-employees, Roland Boutiette and Leslie Benton, received their 10-year pins on May 14. Mr. S. H. Helland presented the pins.

*Howard Dunford and Burton Robie attended the fourth National Materials Handling Exposition held at the International Amphitheatre in Chicago, April 30–May 4, 1951. These pictures were taken near their hotel, located at 53rd Street at the Lake*

*If you guessed that George Williamson was the soldier in our photo mystery in the May issue of the* SPINDLE, *you were correct. Do you recognize the Northbridge High School cadet at left? The photograph was taken in 1916*

*Robert A. MacDonald, left, has been appointed assistant supervisor of Subcontracts under David C. Lash, and Arthur W. Litke, right, has been appointed assistant divisional superintendent under Jacob De Jong. In addition, Donald L. Sangster has been appointed assistant divisional superintendent under Harry E. Lees. Joseph Hetherington was recently appointed acting foreman of Department 437 and William L. Lyman was appointed acting foreman of Department 427*

## WORKS ACCOUNTING DIVISION

***by Oscar Erickson***

*Cost Department:* A party was held at the Zanzibar in Woonsocket for Gordon Curtis who left for the Navy. The party was a complete surprise for Gordon, thanks to his fiancée, Joyce Pickering, who was responsible for getting him there. He was presented with gifts from the Cost Department. Those who attended the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Benner, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Lahousse, Marguerite Turcotte, Louise Wade, Lillian Kollett, Richard Hanny, Ted Fronczak, John Kneeland, Paul Drolet, Henry Lawton, Joe Platukis, Don Rae, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hagan, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rochon.

We were sorry to see Louis Austin leave the department. He was recently transferred to the Inspection Department. . . . Congratulations to the following who have birthdays in June: Mary Gibbons, Ken Maynard and Don Rae. . . . Congratulations to Joe Platukis on receiving his 5-year pin.

*Payroll Computation:* We welcome Barbara Trilligan to our group. . . . Sorry to report that at this writing Lorna Abremek is still out ill. . . . Birthday greetings to Mary McDonald, Catherine O'Brien and Eloise Vincent. . . . Congratulations to Victoria Roy and her husband on their 10th wedding anniversary.

*Tabulating:* Ernest Chase enjoyed his first flight by air when he attended the Presbyterian Church Convention in Des Moines, Ia. Ernest represented the Whitinsville United Presbyterian Church at the convention. . . . Aileen Morin and Oscar Jasmin are enjoying birthdays this month.

*Budgets:* We are happy to welcome Barbara Hamilton to the department.

## WAGE STANDARDS

***by Angelina Fettuccia***

George Shaw celebrated a birthday last month. . . . Russell Lupien and Jack Chaffey, two former employees, are back with us again. . . . Henry Trowsdale left our employ to begin his new duties at Draper's. . . . Ralph Stinson took part in the play, "Goodbye, My Fancy," presented at the Auditorium in Uxbridge, May 11. . . . Talk about being left at the altar—that's nothing compared to the letdown Bill McGrath got at the opening ceremonies of the Shop Softball League. Bill was all primed to take a healthy swing at the first ball which Eric Pierson was to throw as part of the opening game. Having arrived too late to get into the team picture, Bill talked his way into the lead-off spot so he could have his picture taken hitting the first pitch out of the park. After getting his stance set, and full instructions from Malcolm Pearson, the official photographer, Bill almost dropped when Malcolm stepped in front of him and snapped the picture of Eric Pierson on the mound from in front of the plate. Poor Bill, he'll make the SPINDLE yet.

With the ingenious managing of Edgar Haworth, the team has taken two games with the Foundry and Tool Job and lost one to the Freight House.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

*by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin*

We have an interesting incident involving a member of the subcontract division, a central expediter, and an expediter, that we thought would be worth passing along. It seems that Dottie Nolet and Julia McMullin were recently trying to "dock" their car on busy Church Street with each one taking a turn without much success. Finally Officer "Lefty" Kelliher appeared on the scene to stop all traffic until our fair damsels made a successful maneuver to the curbstone. An expediter clears up a shortage for subcontract.

Notes of interest from Crib No. 5: New employees whom we would like to introduce are John Fatsy, Irving Cosgrove and Yvonne Jacques. . . . Eva Lundberg, another new member of the office, who has recently arrived in this country from England, was heard to remark that she had never tasted our version of fried chicken, so the following female members of No. 5 office—Gertie Lafleur, Eva Mongeon, Ona Fleet, Margaret Hourihan, Pat Rivet, Mona Kelliher and a former member of this crib, Anor Champany, were hosts to Eva at Ma Glockner's in Bellingham. Eva, after a satisfying chicken repast, said, "England was never like this."

Diamond dust among the 465 softballers: The Production team made an auspicious debut by whacking the 405 outfit 20 to 6. Johnny "Coo" Mercak pitched steady ball with Ernie Hippert, Skipper McGuinness and Jack Ratcliffe leading the hit parade. The second game proved to be a squeezer with a 13 to 11 win over a good 494 team. "Coo" again went the distance on the mound while the bats of Joe "Schuster" Mercak, with a grand slam white owl wallop, Joe Susienska and Tom Cawley exploded to good advantage. Skipper McGuinness had six straight hits before he had to retire with a pulled leg muscle. Skipper, who hasn't been around ball fields for quite a few years, looks like he still possesses that good batting eye. All around the Shop you can always hear weeping and wailing about how 465 is loaded. We figure that we have a good club and while not going out on any limbs for predictions, it must be stated in this column right now that the team that wins the play-offs will have to beat 465. Take notice, Bill Leaver and company. . . . Nick Rossetti's Crib No. 5 nine got away to a slow start by dropping their first two games, but bounded back to crush 431, 23 to 10. Bill Garrahan pitched this victory with Bunny Comtois belting two home runs to account for eight runs. With Earl Fox, Bob Valis and Art Jones all rapidly rounding into top form, Nick expects his club to be one of the top contenders.

In the Girls' Softball League, the opening game found "Duggan's Dolls" pitted against "Currie's Cuties." This game went to the "Cuties," 37-7. I don't think the game went the full seven innings, as darkness set in, which may have had something to do with keeping the score down to a mere 44 runs.

To Cpl. Francis A. Joslin, formerly of Spindle Job Inspection and now with the U. S. Marines, and Mrs. Joslin, a son, Bruce Charles, born February 10.

To Richard Sanderson, Department 422, and Mrs. Sanderson, a boy, born May 19.

To Robert Trottier, apprentice, and Mrs. Trottier, a son, Robert, born May 7.

To Raymond Jorritsma, Department 454, and Mrs. Jorritsma, a daughter, Elaine Gail, born May 17.

To John Baker of Department 454, and Mrs. Baker, a son, Russell Sidney, born April 29.

To Varkis Asadoorian, of the Core Room, and Mrs. Asadoorian, a son.

To Jeremiah Sweet, of Department 448, and Mrs. Sweet, twins, Brian Craig and Brenda Jean, born May 6.

To Arthur Alix, of Department 448B, and Mrs. Alix, a son, Robert Lee, born April 2.

To Kenneth Hutchinson, of Department 448, and Mrs. Hutchinson, a daughter, Lois Vera. Mrs. Hutchinson is formerly of the Production Department.

To Maurice Mercure, Department 446, and Mrs. Mercure, a daughter, Claudette, born May 5.

To Louis Paquette, on the night shift at 449, and Mrs. Paquette, a daughter, Linda Mae, born May 2.

To Norman Shaw, Department 416, and Mrs. Shaw, a son, Norman Thomas, born May 6.

To Norman Deragon, of Department 426, and Mrs. Deragon, a daughter, born April 23.

To Charles H. Francis, Gear Job, and Mrs. Francis, a daughter.

To Joseph A. Charette, Gear Job, and Mrs. Charette, a daughter, born April 18.

To Donat Brochu, Jr., Gear Job, and Mrs. Brochu, a daughter.

Yvonne Jacques, of Crib No. 5, married to Edmund Bartlett, of the Electrical Department, on June 2 in The Precious Blood Church in Woonsocket.

Katherine Kane and John Meagher, both of Department 449, were married May 26 at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville.

*Second from the left, are George Mills and Margaret Rice, who were married on April 14 in St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville*

Constance Riggs engaged to Tom Cawley of the Production Department.

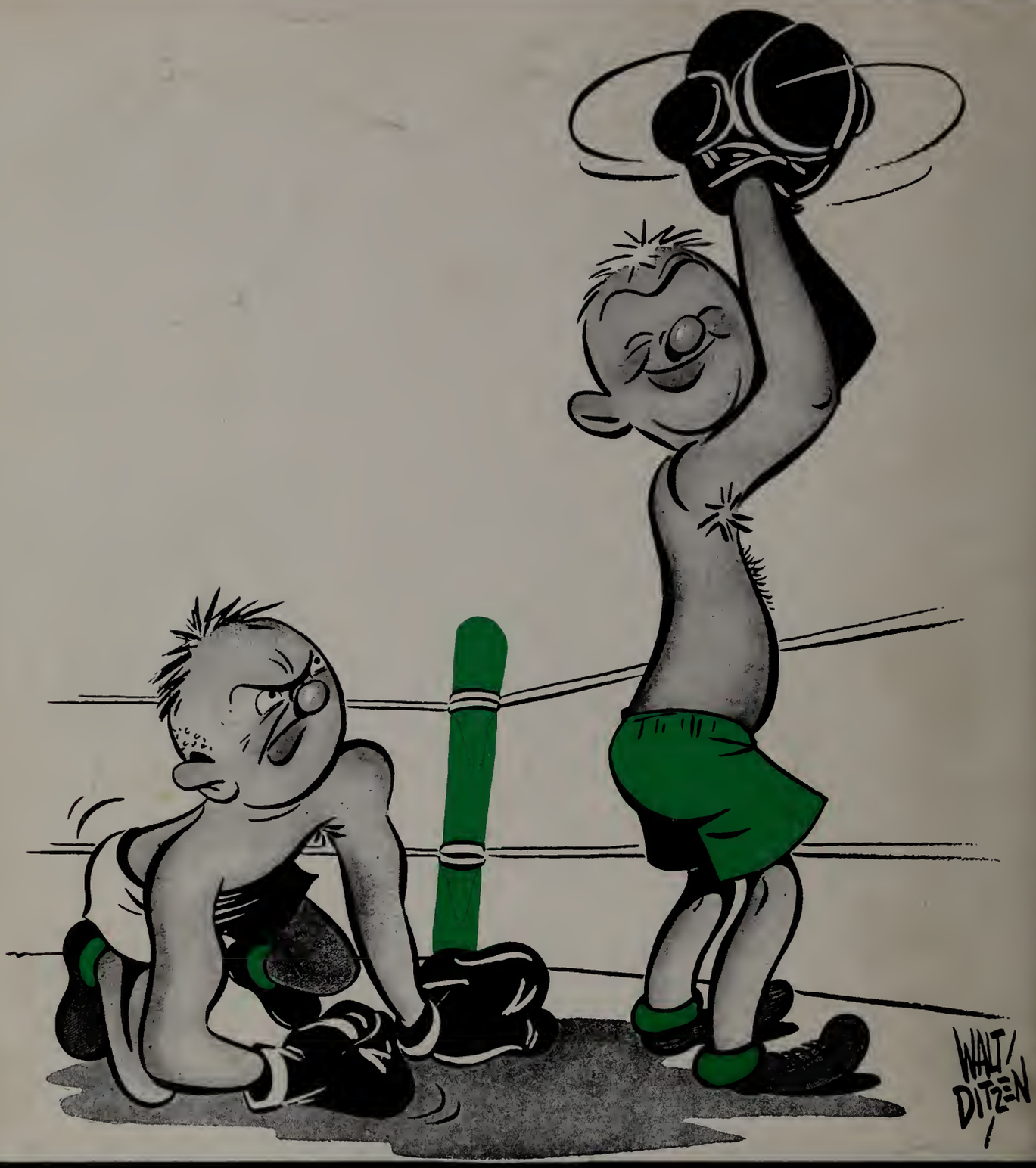
Raymond Smith, married to Louise Hamelin on May 12 in St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge.

## Obituaries

The Spindle Job extends its sympathy to the family of Arthur Randles who died on April 24. Mr. Randles came to this community 44 years ago and had been employed by the Whitin Machine Works for 30 years. He retired 14 years ago.

We extend condolences to Louis Bissanti of Department 414 on the death of his sister, Julia Bissanti.

Herman Zylstra, 73, a resident of Whitinsville for 54 years, died April 24. He was a native of The Netherlands and had been employed by the Whitin Machine Works for more than 45 years. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

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# THE WHITIN Spindle

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# Nine More Veteran Employees Join the Whitin Circle of 50-Year Men

### *RALPH E. LINCOLN*

Ralph E. Lincoln was born in East Blackstone, Massachusetts, October 16, 1884. In July, 1901, he entered the employ of the Whitin Machine Works and served as assistant paymaster. He held this position until his transfer to the Repair Department in March, 1907. In February, 1909, Mr. Lincoln became a member of the Purchasing Department and in September, 1923, he was appointed purchasing agent. In December, 1939, Mr. Lincoln was elected a vice-president of the company, and in January, 1942, he became a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Lincoln's favorite recreation is golf. He is a charter member of the Whitinsville Golf Club.

### *SIMON CHIRAS*

Simon Chiras was born near Vilna, Lithuania, 73 years ago. He was one of the first of his family to come to this country, and in 1901 he accepted a job working for Daniel C. Duggan in the Water Works Department. Since that time, he has been employed in the Cast Iron Room, the Bolster Job and finally in the Small Planers Department. Simon Chiras has three sons. David is a mechanical engineer in Worcester; Peter is a maintenance man with the Carpenter Shop here at Whitin; and Adam operates a business at Plummers. Also at Whitin are Simon's four brothers: Stephen, Clem, Bill and Alex. Simon is proud that six members of the Chiras family are employed with the Whitin Machine Works and have accumulated a total of 162 service years.

### *THOMAS DUNN*

Thomas Dunn was born in Whitinsville in 1887. His career at Whitin has included 35 years on the Spinning Floor, 10 years on the Drawing Job, where he worked on steam engines during World War II, and five years employed on the Bolt Job, his present department. His brother-in-law, Deller Duhamel, also works for Whitin. He is employed in the Freight House Office. Tom's favorite sport is baseball.

### *ARTHUR ST. ANDRE*

Arthur St. Andre was born in the white house next to the Blue Eagle Inn on November 13, 1887. When Arthur started working at Whitin he was one of the 18 men who worked for Levi Rasco, Sr., on the Tin Job. A year or two later he moved to the Spinning and Twister Small Parts Department and remained there until 1918, at which time, he was transferred to the Freight House and placed in charge of the Shipping and Receiving Department, a position he holds today. Arthur has two sons and two daughters. Arthur, Jr., his eldest son, is a physician in New Jersey. Roland, a veteran of World War II, served eight years in the U. S. Navy and now attends Georgetown University. The elder daughter, Rita, a nurse in the U. S. Army during World War II, served in New Caledonia for two years. She is married to William W. Kramer who works in Mr. P. B. Walker's office. Jennette, the younger daughter is the wife of Edward Padles and lives in North Uxbridge. When asked about his hobbies Arthur said, "Sports and reading are my favorite pastimes."

### *ARTHUR VANDYKE*

Arthur VanDyke was born in Holland in 1884. During his first two years at the Whitin Machine Works his assignment was milling needle bars. For the past 48 years he has been a repair man on the Comber Job. Arthur and Mrs. VanDyke have five sons and a daughter. His son, John, works on the Spindle Job and another son, Clarence, is with the Main Stock Room. In his leisure moments Arthur enjoys television performances and caring for his pet canary and his colorful tropical fish.

### *EXANAPHA "EDDIE" LETOURNEAU*

Eddie Letourneau was born in Canada in 1880. For 12 years he was a carpenter at Whitin Machine Works and for the past 38 years he has been a cabinetmaker. He and Mrs. Letourneau have two daughters: Mrs. Henry Poirier of Upton and Mrs. Yvonne Gainer who works in the Master List Department. There are six grandchildren. Eddie's hobbies are reading and woodwork.

### *HENRY EBBELING*

Henry Ebbeling was born in Holland in 1885. For 40 years he was an erector and for the past 10 years he has been an inspector on the Spinning Floor. Mr. Ebbeling has three brothers, one son, and three grandsons, who are employed at Whitin. Mr. and Mrs. Ebbeling have four children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Ebbeling, in June, sailed on the S.S. "Amsterdam" for Holland. It will be his first visit to his homeland in 50 years. He plans to visit Amsterdam, Friesland, Tilburg, and Rotterdam. During his travels in Holland, Mr. Ebbeling expects to visit several textile mills equipped with Whitin machinery. Henry's hobbies are fishing, hunting, and gardening.

### *JOHN "JACK" SHAW*

"Jack" Shaw was born in northern Ireland in 1880. He has worked in our Carpenter Shop for the past 50 years. Forty-one years ago, he was appointed foreman of the Inside Maintenance Carpenter Shop, a position he still holds. He and Mrs. Shaw have six children and one grandchild. "Jack" has a nephew Samuel Shaw, who works for Whitin.

### *WILLIAM FORSYTHE*

William Forsythe was born in Aghdowey, Ireland, in 1882. His first job was with Mr. Thomas Crompton on the Spinning Floor. For the past 45 years he has been a machine setup man in the Milling Department. Bill has one cousin and four nephews working for the Whitin Machine Works. His home is in Grafton. His favorite leisure time occupation is reading.

*Head Table at the Senior Employee Banquet. Above, from the left: Ralph E. Lincoln, vice-president; E. Kent Swift, Chairman of the Board; J. Hugh Bolton, president; Harry Moss, vice-president*

*Above: Frank N. Stone, Personnel director; Robert G. McKaig, assistant secretary; T. Eugene Baufield, Jr., vice-president. Right: Sydney R. Mason, secretary; Edward S. Alden, treasurer; John H. Cunningham, superintendent*

# Whitin Honors Its Veterans

Mr. E. Kent Swift, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, President of the Whitin Machine Works, honored 228 senior employees with a banquet in the Whitin Cafeteria Thursday night, June 21.

Sharply at 6:30, the guests filed into the dining hall where they were soon served a delicious full course chicken pie dinner.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Mr. E. Kent Swift

welcomed the veterans and complimented them on their splendid service records. Mr. Swift went on to say it was his belief that few companies in the country are in a position to equal the excellent seniority record of the Whitin workers. With great pride he informed the veterans that 228 loyal Whitin employees have completed 10,673 years of continuous service. Each of five employees has more than 60 years of service; each of 58 employees has served the Company for periods ranging from 50 to 60 years; and 165 men have been in the Company's employ for periods ranging from 40 to 50 years.

In continuing, Mr. Swift said the Shop is in a much better position in the textile industry than ever before in its history. When he first entered the employ of the Whitin Machine Works, more than 50 years ago, there were eight companies manufacturing textile machinery. Today, he stated, there are only three.

In speaking briefly of his trip abroad, Mr. Swift said, "After visiting a number of machine shops in England, I am happy that I am living in a country where such excellent working conditions prevail. In most foreign countries the working hours are long and the wages are only about one-third as high as those earned by the American people."

*John Leonard receives his Forty-Year Service Pin with congratulations from Mr. Bolton*

*In recognition of his 50 years of service, Mr. R. E. Lincoln was presented a Waltham watch by Mr. E. Kent Swift*

Mr. Swift then introduced Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, who offered his congratulations to the new "Forty-Year Men" and presented each with a gold service pin set with eight sapphires. Those who received the forty-year pins were: John Leonard, E. M. Dennett, Louis Vincent, John Dufries, Edward Jennings, Dana C. Heald, J. Herbert Park, Octave LeBlanc, and Francis Maguire.

In appreciation of their loyal service to the Whitin Machine Works, Mr. Swift presented each of the new "Fifty-Year Men" with a Waltham gold pocket watch and welcomed them into the ranks of the fifty-year veterans. In the group who received watches were Ralph E. Lincoln, Henry Ebbeling, Arthur VanDyke, Thomas Dunn, William Forsythe, Exanapha Letourneau, Simon Chiras, John Shaw, and Arthur St. Andre.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the senior employees moved to the west end of the Cafeteria where they enjoyed six acts of vaudeville presented by professional entertainers.

The senior employees extend their thanks to Mr. E. Kent Swift and Mr. J. Hugh Bolton for a very enjoyable evening. They also commend Mr. Philip B. Walker for his arrangements for the evening's entertainment, for the excellent dinner especially prepared in their honor and for the fine appointments in the banquet hall.

*These three veterans have a combined service record which totals 187 years. Mr. W. E. Booth and Mr. Joseph Bouvier, standing, are still actively employed with more than 60 years to their credit. Mr. Dennis Mack, retired, accumulated 64 years before leaving the employ of the Whitin Machine Works in Sept. 1945*

# *228 Loyal Whitin Employees Have Given 10,673 Years of Continuous Service*

## SIXTY YEARS' SERVICE

### *ACTIVE*

. E. Booth.....*January, 1888*
seph Bouvier.....*December, 1890*

### *RETIRED*

Jeremiah Haggerty....*May, 1884 to February 28, 1950*
Dennis Mack.....*July, 1881 to September 15, 1945*
Alexander T. Brown...*January, 1890 to November 4, 1950*

## FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE

### *ACTIVE*

Jacob Deranian.....*October, 1892*
Henry Graves.....*March, 1893*
Robert Magill.....*March, 1893*
Thomas Fitzpatrick.....*April, 1893*
Richard Hyland.....*July, 1893*
William Montgomery.....*June, 1894*
George Ferry.....*June, 1895*
Henry Todd.....*July, 1895*
Rein Workman.....*September, 1895*
Arthur Hall.....*October, 1895*
Earl Hanny.....*October, 1895*
Edward Driscoll.....*December, 1895*
George Hanna.....*January, 1896*
Henry Ward.....*April, 1896*
William Deane.....*March, 1898*
Levi Rasco.....*June, 1898*
William McNeil.....*1898*
Robert Marshall.....*December, 1898*
Peter Baker.....*January, 1899*
Andrew Cahill.....*April, 1899*

*FIFTY THROUGH FIFTY-NINE YEARS' SERVICE. Front row, from left: Thomas Wallace, Ira Anthony, Charles Nigohosian, John T. Wild, Earl Hanny, John Vanderbaan, Fred Bousquet, Peter Goodhue. Second row: Inset, Jacob Deranian, Thomas Crompton, Adolph Roy, Henry Ward, William Walker, Simon Chiras, Henry Graves, William Forsythe, Robert Marshall. Inset, E. Kent Swift. Third row: Levi Rasco, Albertus Lafleur, William Montgomery, Henry Ebbeling, James Marshall, John Shaw, Timothy Nutter, R. E. Lincoln*

## FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE (Continued)

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|---|---|
| John Leech | *May, 1899* |
| George Forsythe | *July, 1899* |
| Charles Nigohosian | *July, 1899* |
| Joseph Rasco | *July, 1899* |
| Samuel Finney | *February, 1900* |
| James Marshall | *April, 1900* |
| Adolph Roy | *April, 1900* |
| Fred Bousquet | *May, 1900* |
| Stephen Machoian | *May, 1900* |
| Thomas Wallace | *June, 1900* |
| Simeon Bourdon | *August, 1900* |
| E. Kent Swift | *September, 1900* |
| John Vanderbaan | *November, 1900* |
| Henry Ebbeling | *May, 1901* |
| Arthur VanDyke | *May, 1901* |
| Thomas Dunn | *June, 1901* |
| William Forsythe | *June, 1901* |
| Exanapha Letourneau | *June, 1901* |
| Simon Chiras | *July, 1901* |
| Ralph E. Lincoln | *July, 1901* |
| John Shaw | *September, 1901* |
| Arthur St. Andre | *November, 1901* |

*FIFTY THROUGH FIFTY-NINE YEARS' SERVICE. Front row, from left: John F. Carroll, Dexter Wood, David Der nian, Peter Baker, William Hall, Thomas Fitzpatrick, John Leech, Christopher Kane. Second row: Joseph Rasco, Exanap Letourneau, Charles Newton, Rein Workman, Henry Todd, Samuel Finney, Thomas O'Connell, Arthur St. Andre. Third ro Robert Magill, George Hanna, Edward Driscoll, William Deane, Jacob Feddema, George Forsythe, Albert Hewett, Stephen Machoi*

### *RETIRED*

John F. Carroll ..... *January, 1883 to April 1, 1941*
Jacob Feddema ..... *May, 1892 to March 3, 1950*
Thomas Carroll ..... *June, 1889 to December 20, 1946*
Christopher Kane ..... *June, 1890 to May 3, 1946*
David Deranian ..... *May, 1889 to February 15, 1945*
Thomas Crompton ..... *June, 1889 to January 5, 1945*
John T. Wild ..... *October, 1889 to October, 1944*
Frank Roy ..... *1893 to July 2, 1948*
William McNaul ..... *June, 1895 to April 7, 1950*
Dexter S. Wood ..... *October, 1891 to January 2, 1946*
William Sherry ..... *March, 1896 to November 18, 1949*
Peter Goodhue ..... *November, 1887 to January 28, 1941*
Robert Drohan ..... *June, 1898 to September 27, 1950*
William J. Walker ..... *October, 1891 to January 1, 1944*
Albert F. Hewett ..... *June, 1892 to April 1, 1944*
Andrew Baird ..... *June, 1899 to December 29, 1950*
Oliver L. Bonoyer ..... *June, 1897 to September 10, 1948*
Ira Anthony ..... *April, 1899 to March 1, 1950*
Thomas O'Connell ..... *September, 1899 to March 18, 1950*
Dennis Burke ..... *January, 1895 to January 10, 1945*
John Spencer ..... *August, 1899 to July 29, 1949*

## FORTY YEARS' SERVICE

### *ACTIVE*

Napoleon Turgeon ..... *May, 1902*
R. I. Dalton ..... *June, 1902*
Mesak Mantashigian ..... *June, 1902*
Oscar Martin ..... *July, 1902*
James Finney ..... *September, 1902*
William Ledue ..... *December, 1902*
John Blaine ..... *February, 1903*
John Pichette ..... *February, 1903*
Broer DeVries ..... *March, 1903*
W. Winford Jones ..... *August, 1903*

*ORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS' SERVICE. Front row, from left: Robert McKaig, Jeremiah Foley, Adolf orin, Archie Fournier, Artie M. Meader, W. Winford Jones, John Howard, John Mascofian. Second row: John Wasink, ousep Hagopian, Joseph Dumas, John DeVries, Hagop Hoogoian, Sipka Oppawall, Joseph Fenner, Stephen Chiras. Third w: John Pichette, Francis Maguire, J. C. Henderson, E. M. Dennett, Dana C. Heald, Arthur Bowley, Rinaldo Hoyle, Oscar artin. Fourth row: Peter Michalik, Edward Nuttall, Harry Lees, Oliver Copeland, Sydney R. Mason, Leroy Clark*

*FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS' SERVICE. Front row, from left: Arthur Jackman, Fred Matthewman John Leonard, Nazaire Laferriere, Louis Bergerson, Lucien Blouin, Harry Stuart, James Clarke. Second row: Ernest Keyes Jacob Kooistra, Samuel Cleland, John Branigan, F. A. Corron, Joseph Hetherington, Alire Pouliot, Robert Smyth. Third row Madras Hamparsoomian, Kaspar Hagopian, James Jones, William Feddema, Fred Kramer, Herman Zylstra, Albert Buma David Blakely. Fourth row: Samuel Finney, William Kearnan, Oscar Simonian, Arsan Ovian, Andrew Buwalda, Gilber Harwood*

## FORTY YEARS' SERVICE (Continued)

John Wasiuk.....*August, 1903*
Joseph Baillargeon.....*June, 1904*
Titus Cooper.....*June, 1904*
Patrick Duggan.....*June, 1904*
James Forsythe.....*June, 1904*
Esten Lermond.....*November, 1904*
Albert Montgomery.....*January, 1905*
Arthur Prince.....*January, 1905*
Arthur Baillargeon.....*March, 1905*
Louis Laflamme.....*April, 1905*
Andrew Buwalda.....*June, 1905*
Stephen Chiras.....*June, 1905*
Joseph Dumais.....*June, 1905*
Joseph Hinchliffe.....*June, 1905*
Arsan Ovian.....*July, 1905*
John Vanderzee.....*July, 1905*
David Blakely.....*September, 1905*
Harold Oakes.....*September, 1905*
Solomon Ovian.....*October, 1905*
Joseph Courteau.....*November, 1905*
Gerben Oppawall.....*November, 1905*
Louis Veau.....*November, 1905*
Robert Blakely.....*January, 1906*
Andrew Trasavage.....*February, 1906*
Lucien Blouin.....*April, 1906*
Albert Buma.....*April, 1906*
Louis Chabot.....*April, 1906*
Harry Hamparsian.....*April, 1906*
Peter Ledoux.....*April, 1906*
Hugh Brown.....*June, 1906*
F. A. Corron.....*June, 1906*
Housep Hagopian.....*June, 1906*
Nazaire Laferriere.....*June, 1906*
Sipka Oppawall.....*June, 1906*
Arthur W. Bowley.....*1906*
Felix M. Herbin.....*1906*
Napoleon Millette.....*1906*
Samuel Cleland.....*August, 1906*
John Moscoffian.....*August, 1906*
Harry Stuart.....*August, 1906*
Adolf Morin.....*September, 1906*
Gerrit DeBoer.....*October, 1906*
James Krull.....*October, 1906*
Oliver Copeland.....*November, 1906*
Thomas Hamilton.....*December, 1906*
Rinaldo Hoyle.....*March, 1907*
Ignas Witek.....*March, 1907*
Mark Haroutunian.....*April, 1907*
Harry W. Drinkwater.....*June, 1907*
Arthur Jackman.....*June, 1907*
Peter Johnson.....*June, 1907*
Robert McKaig.....*June, 1907*
Arthur Marshall.....*June, 1907*
Arthur Clark.....*September, 1907*
John Sullivan.....*September, 1907*
William Feddema.....*October, 1907*
Chester Greenwood.....*January, 1908*
Simon Wolock.....*January, 1908*
Willis Winchenback.....*February, 1908*

*FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS' SERVICE. Front row, from left: Garabed DerSarkisian, Richard Lemay, Octave LeBlanc, J. H. Parks, Robert Metcalf, Thomas Hamilton, Peter Leduc, Hagop Batakian. Second row: Joseph Hinchliffe, Arthur Clarke, Ysbrand Brouwer, Arthur Wright, William Henderson, Louis Vincent, Edward Jennings, Willis Winchenback. Third row: Ernest Smith, Moses Mantashigian, Edgar Guptill, Gerben Oppawall, John Vanderzee, James Connors, Solomon Ovian, Harry Hamparsian. Fourth row: Peter Johnson, Broer DeVries, Titus Cooper, Philip Belanger, Louis Chabot, Walter Boutilier*

## FORTY YEARS' SERVICE (Continued)

Robert Clark, Jr. ..... *June, 1908*
Peter Michalik ..... *June, 1908*
James Clarke ..... *November, 1908*
Harvey Deslauriers ..... *November, 1908*
Joseph Reneau ..... *November, 1908*
Moses Malkasian ..... *December, 1908*
Andon Asadoorian ..... *January, 1909*
Frank Donovan ..... *January, 1909*
Kachadoor Boghosian ..... *February, 1909*
A. J. Gamelin ..... *February, 1909*
Simon Platukis ..... *March, 1909*
Kaspar Hagopian ..... *April, 1909*
F. M. Langlois ..... *April, 1909*
David Magill ..... *April, 1909*
Philip Belanger ..... *June, 1909*
James Jones ..... *June, 1909*
Martin O'Day ..... *June, 1909*
Arthur Wright ..... *June, 1909*
J. J. Foley ..... *July, 1909*
Sarkis Asadoorian ..... *August, 1909*
Garabed DerSarkisian ..... *August, 1909*
Alire Pouliot ..... *August, 1909*
Oscar Simonian ..... *August, 1909*
Michael Zylstra ..... *August, 1909*
John Martin ..... *September, 1909*
Irwin Hanny ..... *October, 1909*
Joseph Hetherington ..... *October, 1909*
Fred Cowburn ..... *November, 1909*
Thomas Driscoll ..... *November, 1909*
Edward L. Nuttall ..... *November, 1909*

Walter Boutilier ..... *January, 1910*
James Connor ..... *January, 1910*
H. E. Lees ..... *January, 1910*
James Cahill ..... *February, 1910*
Joseph Fenner ..... *March, 1910*
Fred Kramer ..... *March, 1910*
Richard Lemay ..... *March, 1910*
Timothy Brosnahan ..... *April, 1910*
Delle Duhamel ..... *April, 1910*
Edgar Guptill ..... *April, 1910*
J. C. Henderson ..... *April, 1910*
Robert Smyth ..... *April, 1910*
George Armston ..... *May, 1910*
Harold Kane ..... *June, 1910*
Steve Ozog ..... *June, 1910*
Leroy Clark ..... *July, 1910*
Madras Hamparsoomian ..... *July, 1910*
S. R. Mason ..... *July, 1910*
Archie Fournier ..... *October, 1910*
James McCabe ..... *November, 1910*
Hagop Batekian ..... *December, 1910*
John Leonard ..... *February, 1911*
E. M. Dennett ..... *March, 1911*
Louis Vincent ..... *March, 1911*
John Dufries ..... *April, 1911*
Edward Jennings ..... *April, 1911*
Dana C. Heald ..... *June, 1911*
J. Herbert Park ..... *July, 1911*
Octave LeBlanc ..... *October, 1911*
Francis Maguire ..... *November, 1911*

*FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS' SERVICE. Front row, from left: John Sullivan, Andrew Trasavage, Andon Asadoorian, Marker Haroutunian, Moses Malkasian, Sarkis Asadoorian. Second row: James Krull, Thomas Driscoll, Fred Cowburn, Simon Platukis, Delle Duhamel*

## FORTY YEARS' SERVICE (Continued)

### *RETIRED*

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|---|---|
| Albertus Lafleur | *December, 1895 to March 29, 1945* |
| Ludger J. Roy | *October, 1891 to June 29, 1940* |
| Charles Newton | *January, 1895 to January, 1945* |
| James Leitch | *October, 1898 to January 1, 1947* |
| Fred Matthewman | *July, 1896 to October 1, 1944* |
| Ernest Keyes | *December, 1901 to August 31, 1949* |
| Homer Flinton | *May, 1898 to September, 1945* |
| Homer Brouillette | *August, 1897 to September, 1944* |
| Timothy Kennedy | *June, 1891 to June, 1938* |
| Artie M. Meader | *October, 1895 to January, 1942* |
| Robert Clark | *July, 1895 to February, 1941* |
| Hagop Hoogoian | *July, 1906 to May 25, 1951* |
| James Kane | *July, 1906 to September 15, 1950* |
| W. J. Kearnan | *June, 1895 to July, 1939* |
| George Ferguson | *May, 1907 to March 30, 1951* |
| Hertsen Vanderburg | *May, 1906 to February 17, 1950* |
| Timothy Nutter | *October, 1900 to 1943* |
| William B. Henderson | *May, 1900 to May 1, 1943* |
| Louis Blanchette | *January 2, 1900 to August 22, 1942* |
| Ysbrand Brouwer | *February 15, 1908 to September 1, 1950* |
| H. H. Bullock | *August, 1902 to November, 1944* |
| Ernest C. Smith | *August, 1903 to 1945* |
| Robert Metcalf | *November, 1906 to September 30, 1948* |
| Gilbert Harwood | *July, 1909 to January 26, 1951* |
| Jacob Kooistra | *October, 1899 to April, 1941* |
| Samuel Bedrosian | *April, 1909 to August 19, 1950* |
| John Howard | *August, 1908 to October 24, 1949* |
| Thomas Colthart | *March, 1910 to September 28, 1950* |
| Louis Bergeron | *April, 1905 to August 31, 1945* |
| John Branigan | *June, 1905 to March 30, 1945* |
| Samuel McKee | *January, 1906 to June 29, 1945* |

*Left: Jimmy Givens pounds out a little boogie-woogie on a king-sized tom-tom. Center: The high point of the entertainment, in more ways than one, was the teeter-board and balancing act of Howard and Wanda Bell. Right: Jimmy Joyce, master of ceremonies entertained the veterans with his amusing jokes and popular ballads*

# OUR ENTERTAINERS

*Left: Barbara Peterson in an exhibition of body control. Above: Roy Picard, a clown with an ear for music. Right: The Sheppard Sisters in one of their acrobatic dances*

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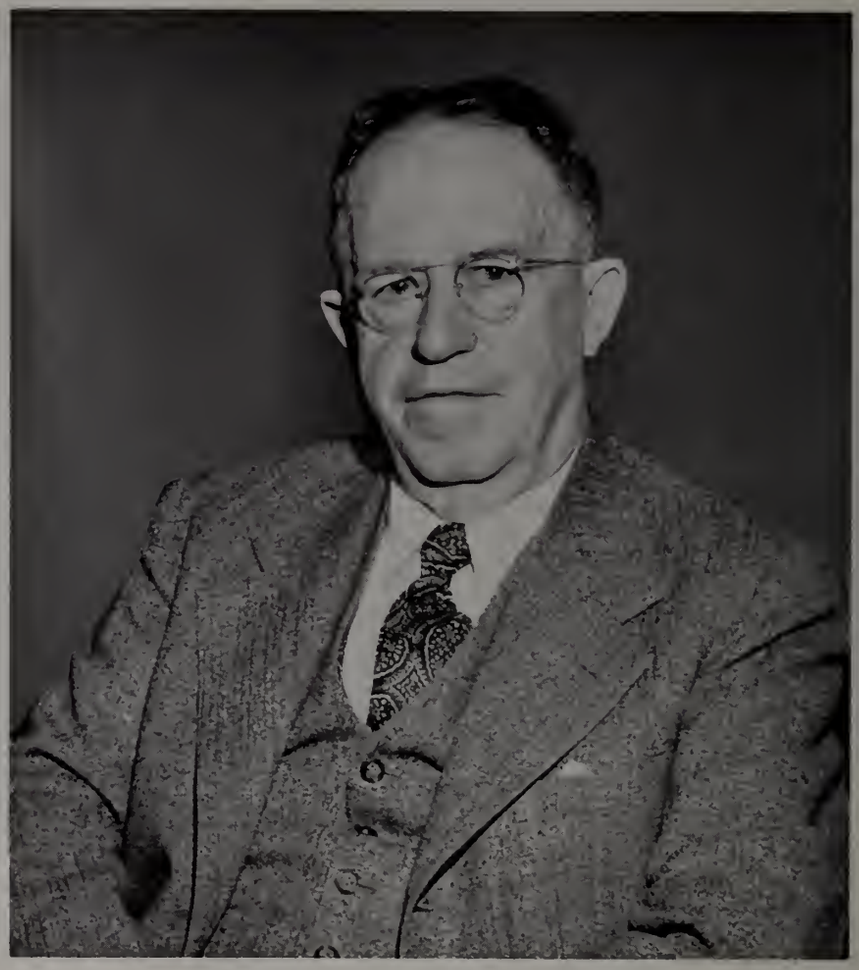
## DO YOU HAVE A HOBBY?

Did you ever stop to think that one-third of our lives consists of leisure time. Doctors and psychologists are agreed how we spend this time is important to our well-being. Well-used leisure acts as a tonic to your system.

It doesn't make a great deal of difference what hobby you pick—there are dozens of them to choose from. The main idea is to have a purpose in your recreation. When you get interested in one thing—be it raising pets, collecting stamps, making things with tools, sewing, aviation, or anything else—you'll find that your play hours have a new zest. And you'll always want a hobby.

If you already have a hobby, plan to exhibit it in the 1951 Whitin Spindle Hobby Show. Mention your hobby to your department reporter or step into the SPINDLE office and tell us about it as soon as possible, so that ample floor space can be allotted to your hobby. The more entries we receive the greater opportunity your fellow associates will have to choose a hobby they too might enjoy.

FRONT COVER: This year nine new men are celebrating their 50th anniversary with the Whitin Machine Works.



## *Whitin Personality*

JEREMIAH J. FOLEY, Manager of the Export Sales Department, was born in Ireland on April 14, 1884, and came to this country at an early age. He was educated in the public schools in Watertown, Mass., and later completed an executive-secretarial business course. In July, 1909, he began his career with the Whitin Machine Works as a general stenographer to several of the executive officers, who occupied what is now the Payroll Department. While serving in this capacity he learned a great deal about the operation of the Company, and in 1916 he was placed in charge of contracts. From 1925 to 1941, Mr. Foley took over the pricing of machinery as well as handling correspondence for Northern and Southern Sales. About ten years ago, he also was placed in charge of foreign sales. He has seen the growth of Whitin machinery spread from Latin America to the Orient and finally to Europe. On his three visits to Latin America and his two visits to Europe he has found the name of Whitin unsurpassed in the world of textile machinery.

In talking with Mr. Foley, we discovered that he possessed a wealth of interesting stories about his business associations with people from the world over who have come to him to buy Whitin machinery. He has, on occasion, dined in Paris and had friends from Peru and Chile, whom he had not seen for years, suddenly greet him with a gay, "Hello, Mr. Foley, what are you doing here?"

Mr. Foley is a member of the New England Export Club and the National Foreign Trade Council. He is a member of the Whitinsville Golf Club and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Foley reside at 99 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville. They have five children and seven grandchildren. Mr. Foley's hobbies are golf and bowling.

# *Hobby*—His Own Riding Stable

*Bill Malley on the left, above, as he is about to escort a riding party over the bridle paths. Right, above: Donald Albin, one of Bill Malley's friends, rearing one of the riding school horses for the benefit of our photographer*

*Right: The "three musketeers" in the arms of an obvious admirer*

Bill Malley's hobby is a unique one in the respect that there are few people in this area who have one like it. About two months ago Bill, who is a timekeeper on the Ring Job, opened a riding school at the family homestead at 70 High Street in Uxbridge. Every moment of Bill's time away from the Shop is devoted to his horses. In fact, Bill is up and about before 4:30 a.m. every morning to feed the horses, the cocker spaniels and the kittens. Each morning after feeding the horses, he grooms them and cleans the stables. From 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. he is here at the Shop but at 6 p.m. he is ready to greet arrivals at his school, and until 10 p.m. every night he is out with riding parties. On Saturdays and Sundays, Bill has riding parties throughout the day until 10 p.m. at night.

The people who ride at Bill's school are children, teenagers, adult beginners, and experienced riders. Bill, himself, instructs all beginners and the class usually lasts for one hour.

Bill Malley emphasizes that great care must be taken in selecting horses for this work. Bill's horses are fine in every respect—they are gentle, sound and alert. Of the seven horses which he owns, five are of Morgan breed, one is a registered palomino mare and the prize horse is the white Arabian, a Tennessee walker. This horse can shuffle as fast as an ordinary horse can walk.

The school layout is ideal for riding. No matter what course you wish to follow, you remain within the fenced-in 25 acres of land which make up the homestead. You can choose courses that last for one, two or three hours. Within the 25 acres are wooded sections, brooks, fields and small grades. At night Bill has lighted paths for riding. The paths are perfectly safe and you cannot get lost or out of bounds.

Bill has ridden horses for more than 40 years, most of the time professionally. During these 40 years he has looked forward to the day when he would have his own school. At one time Bill's horse, "Damfino," was the champion jumper in New England. This Irish hunter had an unbeaten jumping record of six feet eight inches at the Uxbridge Fair. During the war, while Bill was stationed in France, he owned a German black stallion. He was unsuccessful in having the horse shipped home and as a last resort, he gave it to one of the townsfolk.

Bill's father, a retired contractor, lives with Bill and Mrs. Malley at the homestead. He is especially fond of the cocker spaniels which are valued members of the household. The latest litter of cockers have very unusual markings of blond spots on white fur.

It is obvious that Bill is an animal lover for not only does he have seven horses and eight dogs but twelve kittens as well!

We are glad that Bill's boyhood dream has at last become a reality and we hope that it will be a hobby which Bill can enjoy for many years to come.

# *Sports* — Softball

By Harold Case

One Hundred and Thirty-two games have been played in the softball leagues up to the present time and only 16 games have been rained out. That's a good average, considering the above-normal rain for the month of June. This leaves about 200 more games to go and it looks as though all scheduled games will be played, weather permitting.

Sixty-six games have gone by the board in the Shop League and the only undefeated team to date is 448, the Spinning Department. This team must have something to be the one out of 17 to occupy the top spot alone. Five departments, 404, 429, 449, 465, and 494 have dropped only two games, which isn't a bad record, either. I feel certain that these six teams will make the play-offs. Which teams will make up the two remaining spots is anybody's guess. Any two of six or more departments are in a position to end up in the top half of the final league standings. Just as there have to be a few top teams, so must there be teams holding them up at the bottom. I would like to compliment some of these cellar players and their supporters, on their fine spirit and good sportsmanship. Even though some of the teams are mired down so far that they have very little chance of winning even once in a while, they continue to show up for each game. The success of the league depends upon these bottom teams much more than it does on the top teams. I say, "Hats off to them!"

The "Rec" League is going pretty much along the lines I predicted last month. Fred's Restaurant is through just knocking at the door. Ray Woodcome furnished them fire axes this summer and his boys are really in business. This team is undefeated and I think they have a good chance to end up "champs" in this league.

I didn't mention the Gym team in the above paragraph on the "Rec" League, so I must mention that the Pops' League has one undefeated team, too, and this is the Gym. I believe the Gym will win this league. Don't be confused with these gym teams, there is one in each of the above-mentioned leagues.

The Christian Reform and St. Patrick's are having a great battle in the Church League and right now it is a stand-off with one defeat for each. I won't pick an ultimate winner in this one but it most certainly will be one of these top clubs when August rolls around.

There is one more league to discuss and I am sorry to say that I am quite uninformed on this one. I do know the standings of the Girls' League at this time, and once more there is an undefeated team, the Der-S-Debs. I found out from one of the umpires that this team has a pitcher, Minnie Blair, who appears to be good enough for some of the Shop teams. This is one of the main reasons why this team is winning all its games. I also know there is plenty of spirit and "ole fight" in this league because one of the umpires got into a big "go-around" on a decision early in the season and he hasn't recovered yet. *P.S.* He is, however, still umpiring this league despite the occupational hazards. There must be something to this league that meets the eye!

*Spinning Floor, Department 448. Front row, left to right: William Hall, Arthur Alix, George Aspinwall, Kenneth Gauthier, Joseph Valis. Back row, from the left: William Leaver, James Fraser, Robert Roy, Wilfred Bromley, Raymond Chouinard, James Woodburn. This team was leading the league when photograph was taken*

*Gear Job Department 420. Front row, left to right: Eugene McClure, Francis Perry, Walter Lawton, Woody Allega. Back row, from the left: Bernard Howard, Alvin Winchell, Aime Brochu, John Meagher, and Morgan Clayton*

*Large Planers, Department 414. Front row, left to right: Robert Gellatly, Raymond Smith, John Steele, Edward Malley, Douglas Boucher. Back row, from the left: Paul Hale, William Leclair, Norman Burroughs, Jacob Smith, John Grocki, Vincent Lessard, Raymond Woodcome*

*Bolster Job, Department 438. Front row, left to right: Lou Lemay, Maurice Poulion, Frank Machacz, Harold Leoncini, Charles Kheboian. Back row, from the left: Leo Bouley, Walter Surowiec, Edgar Cram, Jacob Frankian, Dominic O'Gara*

# *Sports* — Baseball

By James Brosnahan

After two weeks of practice Bob Williams and his staff have weeded out more than 50 prospects. Our present total is 25 men. The deadline was June 30 for deciding who the 16 men would be to carry us through the rest of the season, but at this writing any attempt by yours truly to second guess who those 16 men will be would be purely supposition. However, I believe it would be safe to say they will come from these outstanding prospects: Behind the plate, Mike Roarke; at 1st base, Ronnie Cole; 2nd base, Jack Concannon; 3rd base, Hal Reilly; shortstop, Doc Ayres; and as a utility infielder, Lou Marciano. The outfield is a much more difficult proposition but I'll take a chance and guess Jack Ratcliffe, Lou Simonini, Al Hackett and George Wales. Our pitching will come from Greg Cordones, Amos Dixon, Jim O'Neil, Billy Scholz, Dave Sisler and Harry Brightman. So much for my guessing—time alone will tell how close or wrong I am with my prognostications.

Opening day again this year was postponed due to rain. As a result, our first game came on the night of June 18 with Wyman-Gordon furnishing the opposition and again we failed to take our home opener. Leo Cordin of North Grafton, a former Whitin player, pitched himself a ball game and went home with a 5 to 0 shutout during which he gave up just four hits. Once more our ball club looks as though it will be slow to start. However, the fans, I believe, expect this now, for they realize that our players arrive late and it takes at least two or three weeks before the club is organized. Late start or not, I, for one, was truly amazed at the turn-out on opening night. A total of 969 paid admissions had poured through the gates by the time Harry Moss, vice-president of the Whitin Machine Works, in the absence of Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, president, threw out the first ball to open officially our season. What with threatening weather and showers all around us, this was truly a great turn-out and if it is any indication of what is to come, this should be a record year at the turnstiles in the Valley.

In closing, it is much too early to say whether or not we will successfully defend our pennant this year. I would like to have a look at the rest of the league before I go out on the limb—so, until next month, I'll close for now, with the promise we will have a good club and I am sure you will all have many exciting and enjoyable nights throughout the Blackstone Valley League race.

*Above: Big Moose Tellinger, Devens left fielder, being erased at first base as Artie Ratner takes the throw from Doc Ayers*

*Below: Mike Roarke on his way to scoring Whitin's second run in its initial victory over Fort Devens*

*You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late.*—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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*A man may fall several times, but he isn't a failure until he starts saying somebody pushed him.*

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*The freedom, opportunities, and rewards for achievement in our country have directly enabled the whole American people to live on a scale undreamed of in any other country in the world.*

The man didn't say a word when they ran over his cat with a steam roller. He just stood there with a long puss.

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In a small fight club the fans were disgusted with the lack of action in the ring. The two battlers did nothing but circle each other, with no punches being thrown. A forbidding silence mounted in the arena. Then—

"Hit him now, yuh bum," a spectator called, "you've got the wind with yuh!"

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*Traffic Cop:* Use your noodle, lady, use your noodle!

*Lady:* My goodness, where is it? I've pushed and pulled everything in the car.

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She fondled her wrap joyfully and looked sad for a moment.

"What's the matter?" inquired her husband, "aren't you satisfied with it?"

"Yes. But I feel so sorry for the poor thing that was skinned."

"Thanks," he said.

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And there's the girl who is so thin that when she takes a drink of tomato juice she looks like a thermometer.

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Have you heard the one about the moron who found a dead bug in his watch and said, "No wonder the thing wouldn't run—the engineer is dead."

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The Baltimore chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous moved into new offices in the Bromo-Seltzer Building.

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A caller arrived and through an open window noticed a small boy painfully practicing on a piano.

"Is your mother home, son?" the caller asked.

"What a silly question," responded the unhappy virtuoso.

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The marble tournament was in full swing. One little boy had missed an easy shot, and let slip a real cuss word.

"Edward!" called a preacher from the spectators' bench. "What do little boys who swear when they are playing marbles turn into?"

"Golfers," was the prompt reply.

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A drunk stepped through an elevator shaft and plunged 43 stories. As the horrified crowd heard the body crash to the elevator cellar, they craned their necks. To their amazement, they saw him pick himself up, brush himself off and heard him mutter: "I should have said UP!"

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A woman got on a bus and took the only empty seat, next to a harmless looking reveller. Soon she opened a map of Manchuria and began to study it. The reveller gazed at the map for a while and finally addressed the woman in an interested tone: "Sure you're on the right bus?" he asked.

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An Englishman who came to the United States after World War II took out citizenship papers. He was visited by an English relative who reprimanded him for becoming an American citizen. "What have you got to gain?" he demanded.

"Well, for one thing," said the new citizen, "I win the American Revolution."

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Women wear wedding rings to show they're married. Men wear last year's clothes.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## WINDER JOB

*by Floyd Gudanowski*

Like old soldiers that never die, the Winders' softball team faded momentarily, but came back strong. After winning our first three games by impressive scores, we ran into unexpected opposition from Departments 494 and 448 and were beaten both times. Department 448 appears to be the real contender for the flag. Seen hiding behind a post in the center field bleachers (with pad, pencil and charts) covering the game for Production was Dorsey Devlin. . . . On the scene for our next game appeared our old rivals, Production, riding the crest of a three-game winning streak. Immediately, tired old legs responded and aching arms were strong again. Even crippled Teddy Podles returned to the lineup to help down the Devlin men by a 9 to 7 score. "Camshaft rumors" after this game had Joe Maisto going to Production in an even trade for a broken bat and a ripped glove. These same old soldiers really hit their stride from here on in. Department 434 fell victim next by a 19 to 8 count. Chuck Wade led the assault by belting three long home runs, one of which wasn't caught up with until the next day by Oscar Asadorian.

With Leo Ethier at the controls, a rookie-loaded lineup hung up victory number six at the expense of Department 453 BP to the tune of 16 to 8. "Billy Dale" Ward led the attack while Joe Monfreda turned in the fielding gem of the game, when he came in fast, dropped the ball, picked it up three times and still held the batter to a triple. "Mossy" Murray, Gudanowski and "Call Me Skipper" DeGaetano were all benched for this game for hitting over 500. . . . Not entirely satisfied with the defensive play, the following have been recalled: Vincent Lessard from the Linwood "Indians," Roland Thibeault from the Woonsocket "Brewers," John Comeau from Worcester, Norman Watier from the Rockdale Mills and Roland Farrer up for the second time from Uxbridge. . . . Hector St. Jean, who was taken ill on our last western trip, was flown home and has not rejoined the team.

New cars on the job belong to Helen DeLuca, a brand-new Chevrolet; and Eddie Guertin's mother who won the Henry J at the Progressive Club Carnival. . . . Alice Ellsey was the honored guest of a farewell party at Ma Glockner's in Bellingham, June 5, in honor of her marriage to Jean LaBelle of Peabody, June 18. She was presented a purse. . . . Featured drivers for this month are Marion Isabelle, Bob Conley and Carl Nyquist. . . . Two new umpires on the job are Donald Craig and Shirley DeJordy. . . . Oscar Ampagoomian was overheard asking Sam Cleland, "Which one of us has the Toni?" . . . A 15-year pin was presented to Jim Cunningham last month. . . . Ten-year pins were received by George Contnoir, Les Nutting, Pete Forget, Kay Meagher, Stanley Stefanick, Joe Maisto, Bob Croteau and Floyd Gudanowski.

At a recent Braves–Cards game in Boston, Leo Ethier walked into Braves Field behind Ted Wilks, Joe Presko and Del Rice only to be swarmed by youngsters seeking autographs. Leo obligingly signed about ten books, without cracking a smile—walked into the grandstand seat and enjoyed the rest of the ball game.

This being my last column, I wish to say I enjoyed writing for the Winders and anything that was written was written in fun and meant to be taken that way. (*Editor:* Floyd is now a student in our apprentice school. We wish him luck on his new venture. He was an outstanding reporter for THE WHITIN SPINDLE and we feel sure Floyd also will be a good erector.)

*The Hillside Club, Whitinsville, last month presented a knitted afghan to the Whitinsville Hospital in memory of Bernice Baird, a club member, who died in April. Club President Ida Lemire, on the left, presented the gift to Villa M. Haskell, hospital superintendent. Margaret Keeler, secretary of the club, on the right, assisted in the presentation. The local club, which comprises 12 members, is a branch of the "Worcester Telegram and Gazette" Cousin Sally Club*

## ROVING SMALL PARTS, FLYER JOB AND ERECTING

*by Dan Gonlag*

Best wishes to the following who celebrated birthdays last month: Roland Cournoyer, Arthur Belseth, Fred Tucker, Philippe Beauregard, James Ashworth, Al Gregoire, Louise Orrell, Fred Kramer, Lillian Podsiadlo, Wilfred Liberty, Bernard Lejieux, Leo St. Dennis, Bela Hammond, Bernell Jordan, and William Longton.

We welcome these new employees to our department: Ira Naroian, former apprentice of Department 427, who has been named acting second hand; our assistant planner, Jack Iacoboni of Leominster, who recently graduated from Worcester Junior College with a degree in industrial engineering; Department 435 time clerk, Hazel Rourke, formerly with Ted Froh of Budgets; Roger Charrette, Edward McCabe and Russell Sweeney of Woonsocket; Arthur Esposito of Millville and Charles Kuipers, who recently arrived from Wommels, Holland and who is now living in Whitinsville.

Fred Muse and Red Murray are busy with their gardens. . . . Vicki Poliquin recently celebrated her second wedding anniversary. . . . Marcel Lustenberger has moved to a new apartment in the center of Bellingham. . . . Local baseball fans are still talking about the recent games between the Franklin Oilers and Millville. Bernell "Lefty" Jordan batted and pitched the Millville team to a 2 to 1 victory. He held the opposing team to four hits and drove in the winning run himself with a hit in the seventh inning.

Three of our department members are greatly interested in music and playing with orchestras. "Joe" Rivers has been playing drums for about 30 years and at present is with the "Moonbeams Orchestra" of Millbury. "Joe" was an active member of the old Legion Drum Corps. . . . Frank Lewandowski plays clarinet-sax with the "Merry Bells Orchestra" of Providence and has been broadcasting Sundays at 1:30 p.m. from WPAW. Frank also is a member of the Pawtucket Brass band. . . . Lee Valente of course, has been conducting his own orchestra for several years.

*Members of the Northbridge Police Department, the Auxiliary Police Department, and Whitin Machine Works' guards, practicing Red Cross standard first aid at one of their meetings in the town hall. A total of 74 were enrolled in the class. The course extended from April 9 to June 4, two hours a week for nine weeks*

## ING JOB

*by Everett A. Gaspar*

New members to our department are Sheila mpton of Linwood, formerly of Inspection, d Stuart Spratt of town. Stuart has worked th us before. We welcome them to the b. . . . Leaving us are Donald Smith and nry Plante. We wish them luck in their w jobs. . . . Al Pariseau and Louis flamme are on leaves of absence due to ill alth. We hope to see them back soon. . . It's good to see Joe Witek after a o-week absence. . . . Titus Ebbeling, , is moving (by degrees) into his newly built me. . . . Alice Dionne has joined the nks of the happy television owners. . . . d Frieswyk, Alfred Chauvin and Arthur auchesne are all sporting new cars.

Our man-of-the-month is Edgar Pariseau. lgar was born in Whitinsville, where he ed for the first four years of his life on Street, then moved to Manchaug. He ended Manchaug schools. His entire time the Shop has been spent in our department; 's been with the Company for ten years. . . During World War II he served three ars in the 206th Transportation Corps. part of this work, he graduated from the med Guard School of the Navy in Virginia. 1946, he married the former Mary Mc- nald of Whitinsville, and they have two ildren, Bobby and Elaine. He is a police cer on the Sutton Police Force, and vice- esident of the Police Association. For bbies, he plays the guitar, goes fishing and joys television.

We now have a third shift consisting of land Breault, Andre Lambol, and John yle. August Roy, Arthur Stockwell, and tor Lussier have joined the second shift gang. Seems strange to have the speed going constantly. . . . Al Turgeon has moved to 185 Church Street, town.

## BOX JOB

*by Bernice Asdikian*

Summer is here at last. One of the sure signs here is the brush haircuts that seem to be the latest fad. Every Monday we have new recruits to add to "The Haircuts Club." Yes, they may be more comfortable but not very glamorous, to say the least. . . . On June 5, Pat Britt, supervisor of the Box Storage Floor, was presented a 10-year pin by Mr. Rankine. . . . Nelson Bartlett, who has been with us for four years, has left us to attend apprentice school. He is planning on taking up cabinet making. Best of luck, Nel, and we will miss seeing you nailing those threadboards with Carl. . . . Roland Guertin has been transferred to the Linwood Mill. . . . Guerino Creasia and the Mrs. took a trip by car to the White Mountains recently. They visited many points of interest. . . . Jim Dorsey and his wife recently spent a week end at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y. Jim said that it was a very enjoyable trip and that New York is still the same. . . . That's all for this month from your reporter who hopes that the boys in the department will give her lots of news for the next writeup.

## WOOD PATTERNS AND GENERAL MACHINING

*by Bob Shaw*

Mike Blouin, this year's graduate from Northbridge High School, came into work the day following graduation. Mike claims that school was never sweeter than this. . . . Ralph Houghton's son, Ralph, Jr., recently graduated from the School of the Worcester Art Museum and has accepted a position in the Design Department of the Whittall Rug Company. . . . Walter Pendergast is back with us once again after a recent operation. . . . David Richardson and Henry Manosh recently received their 5-year pins. . . . Julien Masson and Lionel Grondines recently received their 10-year pins. . . . The Worcester *Evening Gazette* will be interested to know that they have at least one faithful reader of their "Fat Boy's Diet" column. "Chub" Cournoyer claims it really works, too. He has lost at least a half-pound since following their directions, starting eight weeks ago.

*Malcolm Pearson, Red Cross first aid instructor, standing on the left; Chief Cullen; and Harold Case, assistant instructor; check fixed splint applications made by some of the class members*

*Last month, at the Freight House, Whitin employees were given an opportunity to see the small scale Johnson trailer truck which has been touring the country in connection with a recent safety campaign. When one realizes there are more than 8,000,000 trucks serving the American public every day, it's not difficult to understand why the entire trucking industry is vitally interested in highway safety*

*Gloria Clarke, of the Main Office, was presented a purse of money on May 18, by the Main Office staff, in honor of her marriage to Carlton Marshall, Department 406, which took place at St. Patrick's Church, June 16. Gertrude Barlow made the presentation. In addition to the purse, Gloria received a corsage of yellow roses*

## NICKEL-PLATING AND PARKERIZING

***by Rene Ethier***

This month Department 431 sends farewell wishes to Claire Nolet and welcomes Ruth Magill as our new stock clerk. . . . George McClellen who has been out sick for the past two months seems to be doing very well. We hope to have him with us soon. . . . Bill Morrisette and Ted Chevrette enjoyed their two weeks' stay at Fort Devens. Both men are members of the National Guard. . . . We don't have too much to say about the 431 Ball Club. There's only one game we like to talk about and that's the game we played with the 453 "Big Packers." The star of the game was Paul "Lefty" Mathieu who hit a 2-run homer in the 7th inning to win the game 22–11. . . . Uncle Clifford Rivet has been playing with the girls' softball club.

## MILLING JOB

***by Marie Ebbeling***

Our congratulations go to our foreman, Irving F. Orrell, on the graduation of his son, Irving, Jr., from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and was elected a member of the Eta Kappa Nu, an honorary fraternity for high scholarship in electrical engineering. He is also a member of the A.I.E.E. In July, Irving, Jr., will leave for Pittsburgh, Pa., to work with the Westinghouse Technical College graduate training program at their educational center.

A happy birthday to the following employees: Cleophas Paquette, Arthur Guillaune, Edward Murray, Joseph Palardis, Calix St. Andre, Raymond Van Dyke, Edward Boutiette, Paul Mailloux, Paul Joly, Rosario Vermette, Norman Shaw, John Steakelum, Theodore Fleury, Ernest Lemier, Stewart Penny, Joseph Gagnon, Alcide Poirier, Maylena Bolivar, Martha Bombara, and Anne Goyette.

George Dawe's son, Joseph, entered the United States Army on June 19. . . . Harmon Miedema's car got restless while waiting for him to buy groceries. Consequently, when Harmon arrived to drive the car away, it was no longer there but, upon investigating, he found it snuggly settled against a telephone pole.

## ANNEALING ROOM

***by Barbara Allen***

*Personality-of-the-Month:* Andon Asadoorian came to Whitinsville in 1909 and started work in Whitin Machine Works the same year. He has worked in the Annealing Room all these years. He runs the cyanide pots on the third shift. "Barber," as he has been nicknamed, and rightly so, works spare time as a barber in several of the shops in town. He has two daughters, Helen Sutherland, and Mary who is a clerk at Department 424; four sons, Oscar, who works at Department 431, Leo and Souren of Department 414, and Abraham who is connected with the R. H. White Construction Company. "Barber" received his 40-year pin at last year's banquet.

Congratulations to Benjamin Troganowski who received his 30-year pin, Burt Kroll who received his 15-year pin and Albert St. Pierre who received his 10-year pin. . . . We welcome Leonard Smith to our department. Leonard lives in Worcester and is very musically inclined. Playing the drums is his hobby and he is also a member of the chorus at the Worcester Music Festival. How about the Whitin Male Glee Club, Leonard?

## WAREHOUSE, STEEL FABRICATING, AND CUTTING-OFF JOBS

***by Herb Blakely***

The "Buffoon Club" held a social at the Town Club, Worcester, Saturday, June 30. About 40 persons attended. . . . Walter Nadolink is sporting a new Chevrolet. . . . Bill Brown, formerly of Department 412, has joined the gang and tells us he recently purchased his home on Crescent Street from the Company. . . . James Peck of the Welding Crew was presented his five-year pin by his foreman, Chester Bonczek. . . . Ernie Lemire of Department 410 is another to join the ranks of new home builders. He is building a Cape Cod cottage on Fletcher Street in Whitinsville. Ernie invites all of his friends to come and visit him but to be sure they bring along a hammer!

Mrs. Theresa Berthiaume is the new stock clerk on Department 410. Theresa's father is an old hand at Whitin. He is Howard Stockwell of the Electrical Department . . . Emilio Taddie and Richard Williamson recently spent a week end in Vermont and brought the boys some maple syrup. When it disappeared to is still the mystery in Department 410. . . . Orchid of the month to Jerry Lemire of 410, a real Red Sox fan who admits it.

## LINWOOD MILL

*by Louise Sohigian*

Department 450 held a farewell party at Riverside A.C. for Kenneth Guertin who left for the Army on June 19. We wish him a lot of luck. . . . Mrs. Spencer, the time clerk on Department 450, is sporting a 1951 Chevrolet. . . . Glad to hear that our foreman, Mr. Hanson, is back home after a stay at the hospital. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Agnes Deane, our assistant foreman's wife, who is in the hospital. . . . We are sorry to hear that Gordon Demeague is out sick; we hope that he will be back with us soon.

Jerry Lauzier will soon be having company. Two of his buddies who were with him in the service and who just returned from a long cruise in the Mediterranean, are coming to Rockdale to see him. We understand that they are holding a big party. . . . Bill Chausse who has been in French Morocco for quite some time has just arrived back in the United States. He is going to electronic school in Memphis, Tenn. Lots of luck, Bill.

*Harold Kelliher, Jenny Prince and Frankie "Hap" Noble, appearing in one of their acts*

*Vidgie Larochelle, Department 451, married to Louis Esposito, formerly of the Bolster Job and now in the Armed Forces, May 21, St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville*

## Show Benefits Hospital Fund

A Minstrel and Variety Show was held at the Whitin Memorial Gymnasium on Thursday evening, June 7. The proceeds, which amounted to $304.00, were donated to the Whitinsville Hospital Fund. The show, which was sponsored by The Old Timers' Club, featured specialties by Connie Riggs, Harold Kelliher, Don Dumas, Eddie Blaine, Ralph Wally, Veronica Kelliher, Bob Shaw, Al Cadarette, Jenny Prince, Gloria Parker, Barbara Bruneau, Mary Mooradian, Carol Rosol, Frank "Hap" Noble, Earl Ratti, Gerry Trottier, Louise Harding, Tom Marshall, Alice Philbrook, Herman and Sydney Buma, Dicky Kelliher and Ruth Boover. The committee was comprised of Harriet Cole, secretary; Frankie "Hap" Noble and Al Auger, co-directors; Cecelia Parker, musical director; Mrs. Frank Noble, program sales manager; Ted Vecchionne, interlocutor and master of ceremonies; Harold Kelliher, Al Cadarette and Don Dumas, co-producers, and Jimmy Jones, makeup man. All lighting equipment and service was donated by Harvey Guertin.

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Frank DeJong is the proud owner of the new home that is being constructed at Fairlawn Street. . . . We are glad to have Hannah Frieswyk back with us. Hannah had been on sick leave. . . . Ted Wilga has been going around lately with that defeated look. Upon inquiring into the matter, we find that he and Don White have been losing at horseshoes every noontime. We can't quite find out who is trimming them, though. . . . The welcome mat is out this month for "Cookey" Kazarian and Ted Wiersma. . . . Happy birthday to Maria Donotells, Edyth Casey and Bill Prior.

## PICKER SMALL PARTS, PICKER ERECTING, AND DRAWING DEPARTMENT

*by Syd Miedema*

The answer man at Department 443, Irving Soule, is being coaxed by his friends to get in on "Break the Bank." Name the subject and he will give you the answer. . . . Joseph Kogut, apprentice erector, finds that setting up machinery in outside jobs gives him a tremendous appetite. . . . Imagine Fred Teevans fishing at the Cape for an hour, only to find he was fishing in a flooded cranberry bog.

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

Clarence Williams, better known as Del, has been with the Whitin Machine Works for 34 years. He has a watch which was given him by the Company for safe driving. For many years Del drove the Boy Scouts to Treasure Valley and in all that time he never even had a flat tire. We hope your luck continues, Del.

Alex St. Germain celebrated his 39th wedding anniversary along with Father's Day. . . . Gordon Milkman celebrated Father's Day with his family at Rocky Point. . . . Louis Yacino, well-known accordion player, is pleased that one of his sons has taken an interest in the instrument. As Louis says, "We need more musicians."

*A new Aeolian-Skinner organ was dedicated in the Village Congregational Church, Sunday morning, June 10. The new organ was given by the parish as a memorial to those who lost their lives in World War II and also in thanksgiving for those who returned. The service was conducted by Rev. Leslie Chapman, pastor, with Rev. Horace G. Robson of Boston officiating at the dedicatory service. Leroy Muzzy, church organist, performed at the console with Frank N. Stone assisting. A few members of the congregation are shown leaving the church after the 11 a.m. service. William Self, organist and choir master of All Saints Church, Worcester, was the performing artist at the dedicatory recital which took place Sunday evening*

## SCREW JOB

***by Connie Campo***

We wish to welcome Albert Gagne, Francis Christian, Henry Simonis, Richard Lemay, Leon Dumais, Takouhi Mangasarian to the day shift, and Richard Bosma, William Szymanski, Joseph Levesque, James Graveson, Francis Christian, Adelard Mandeville, to the night shift. . . . Walter Lauzon, who was going to night school to learn about carburation has now become a G.I. instructor in carburation. . . . We hear that Jack Flynn had planted some grass seed in front of his house. Instead of grass, lilac bushes are growing. Our advice—don't try to mow your lawn.

Harold Andrews came into the office one morning and made the remark that everyone looked half asleep. We know who was half asleep, though, because when Harold looked down, he found that he had put on two different shoes. . . . The men in our department are getting very sports-minded. This past month there have been a deep-sea fishing trip and a golf match. According to all reports, the fishing trip was a complete success. Pat McCudden had the "big one that got away." It seems that Pat had a big fish on the line and had started to pull it on board when the fish let go of the line and Pat went flying to the deck. Aime Dion came home with the big one that did not get away. . . . As for the golf match, maybe we should not have mentioned it. The fellows were very enthusiastic when they left for the match but they didn't say much when they came back. . . . We are sorry to report that Muriel Gaulin and Florence LeBeau have left our office force. Florence has been transferred to the Cost Department and Muriel has left on a leave of absence.

## CARDS—SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

***by Millie Turgeon***

Tommy Stevenson and Henry Beaudoin, foreman and assistant foreman of Department 422, and Charlie Hoekstra and Wendell Piper of Department 419 recently enjoyed a Red Sox-Browns game. . . . Francis Muscatel of Department 419 has a new DeSoto. . . . A farewell party was held June 27 for Joe Lenard who enlisted in the Marines. We wish Joe the best of luck. . . . Sid Daubney and a couple of other fellows have purchased a "jalopy." Their jalopy, Number 40, came in third in one of the heats in Westboro. They haven't had too much luck racing yet, but they haven't got it tuned up to where they want it. . . . Did you ever go deep-sea fishing for a day and suddenly wonder, when you were in the midst of a fog, how you would ever get back without a compass. Recently, our Oscar Kurowski was in a fog for five hours. Finally, he noticed another boat going ashore, so he followed it in. . . . Many happy returns to Gordon Thomson whose birthday was July 2; Bernie Lefevre who celebrated on the Fourth; Sid Daubney whose birthday was the 14th and Alice Hern who had a birthday on the 15th.

## SPINNING SMALL PARTS

***by James Buckley***

*This month's personality is Oscar Simonian.* Oscar was born in Armenia in 1888 and came to this country in 1900 where he resided in Whitinsville. He came to work for Whitin in 1909 as a molder in the Foundry. He worked in the Foundry up until five years ago when he came to work here at Department 429. He is married and has two daughters and a son. Oscar's hobby is gardening and he plans to supply all of 429 with fresh vegetables from his garden.

We spread the welcome mat to John Mulligan, Paul Dupry, Russell Harford, Alton Ramsey, Albany Alarie, Sander Silvis, Clara Laurendeau and Theresa Brodeur.

We wish a speedy recovery to George Ferry and Arthur Bedard who are both on the sick list at this writing. . . . Foggy Perras has left us to work in Farnumsville and Ray Barrie has gone back to his old job at 435. . . . E. Osecki defeated D. Simmons by ten strokes recently at the Castle Hill Country Club. A re-match is scheduled for sometime this month. . . . Red Lash has purchased a 1940 Ford.

This Department's softball team, at this writing, has a record of five victories and two defeats in the newly formed Shop Softball League. Maybe our loyal rooter, Dave Clark, should have been at the two games we lost.

A Reminder: No matter how small the news item, please give it to your reporter so that he can make a department column for the SPINDLE.

## GRINDER JOB

This department seems very quiet this month, no weddings, deaths or births to report, just an anniversary, or two. . . . Joe and Mrs. Adams celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary on May 30. . . . Bob and Priscilla McConnell celebrated their fourth on June 20. . . . Birthday greetings to Peg Zanchetti, May 30. . . . Our apologies to Fred Vallee for misspelling his surname in the May issue. . . . Bea Winchel returned this week feeling fine after her recent operation. . . . We welcome four men to the department this month: Vernon Ahmadjian, Eugene Massey, Louis Allan and Bobby Holmes. We hope that they enjoy their stay with us. . . . While searching for news items, we discovered that we have some men with long records of continuous service on the job: David Blakely started September 1910; Charles Barney, June, 1915; Al Buma October, 1915; Bob Burns, 1924; Herman Picard, December, 1925. We are certainly proud of these men and their records.

*Ready to dance to the music of Bob Adams' orchestra are a few of the students who attended the Northbridge Junior Prom, Friday, June 1, in the Community Gymnasium*

*This photograph was taken around the year 1901 in Oldham, England. Do you recognize Arthur Taylor of the pinning floor? Arthur left England in 1902 and settled in Fall River. In 1935 he entered our employ as a set-up man and has been here since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor now reside in Whitinsville*

## PINNING FLOOR, YARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*By Francis Horan*

You think that your column is going along right. Then, bang! You are smothered by more questions about why you did not mention the softball team in your column. I explained to the many who asked that I honestly thought that the recording of 448's record would be emblazoned on the top of a well-planned schedule report. As I said to these fellows, why brag about things like the fact that we have already assured ourselves of a play-off berth by eight straight wins due to eight straight pitching victories by Bill Leaver. The man behind the scenes, our manager (old superstition himself), Ken Gauthier, is doing a splendid job with the cooperation of all the fellows.

Sorry to have missed Adelarde Godbout's absence so long. Mr. Godbout was injured in an auto accident at Memorial Square. He is due back to work soon, we are happy to say. Chet Greenwood and Tom Gibeau are also on the convalescents' list. We hope to see them soon.

Garden note: Jake Haringa brought in an angle on a clip-out from the *Boston Globe* and we quote, "Old Farmers never die, they just spade away." . . . Sam Gustavson reports that his son, Arthur, is now stationed at Sperry Gyroscope on Long Island. The boys from that area are glad to get hold of the SPINDLE each month. Sam sends Arthur each copy. . . . If anyone wants a lesson on high finance, listen to Mrs. Cameron and Henrietta Duda when they are trying to straighten out their clubs on Friday.

Heard in and around the Shop: Bosco Rapisardi of the Polishing Job, who works part-time on week ends at the Old Tap in Cumberland Hill, R. I., was selected as a judge of the beauty contest recently held there. This explains the new mirror on the job. . . . Clint White wondering where that fast buck went to and finding it just where he threw it, in the waste can. . . . Ethel St. Laurent window-shopping in Pawtucket, R. I. . . . "Red" DeJong and Jim Eastwood bringing in tea bags to make hot tea for their noon lunches. . . . Joe Gauvin paying off a debt to Pete Frieswyck with a cigar. Pete claims the cigar must have been given to Joe at Christmas by a close relative—no wrapper. . . . Bill Rutana falling out of his boat into the water when he and his son got their signals crossed, while trying to release the boat from a mud bank. . . . Bill Crossland will be among the missing here for a month, due to illness. Although feeling all right now, he is going to take a little rest. We'll be looking forward to having you back, Bill. . . . Dillinger entering the wrong office in the Baker Building and sitting in the dentist's chair waiting for Bill Gregoire to give him a haircut. (This actually happened!)

*Winsome Anne Marie Fournier was chosen Queen of the Prom. Her escort is Enoch Malkasian. Both are members of the junior class*

## PURCHASE-INSPECTION, DRILLING AND JOBBING DEPARTMENTS

*by Frances Kenney*

Birthdays of the month: Clifford Chesley, Susanna Gusney, Mary Melville. Many happy returns. . . . Grace Belval is building a cottage at Point Judith. . . . The welcome mat is out for Robert Marsh. Robert comes from Oxford but his stay is just a short one for, at this writing, he expects to be called into the Coast Guard in the early part of July. . . . Helen Gaucher and family have bought a trailer and are residing on Hartford Avenue in North Uxbridge. . . . Eli Mooradian attended the ARF Convention which was held in Boston last week.

## ROLL JOB

*by Cesag Onanian*

This month's personality is Mathias H. McNeil, who was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada. He came to the United States in 1906 when he was 18 years old and started to work in the Shop on the Needle Job in June, 1906. He was transferred to the Card Job later and in 1931 had an unfortunate accident while putting up screens at his home. As a result, he was on a leave of absence for five years. Mathias started to work on the Roll Job in 1936; his job is brushing and finishing rolls. He was married in Vermont in 1916 and makes his home in Whitinsville. He is a member of St. Jean the Baptist and The Foresters of America. Mathias enjoys gardening, baseball and television.

We had a pleasant visit from Francis Jacobs who was home on furlough a short while ago. We're inclined to believe that the Army is agreeing with him but he says that he would just as soon be back here with us. . . . We're glad to see Edward Ebbeling back on the job after being out 11 weeks because of illness. . . . We wish to welcome all the new help on the Job, both on the day and night shifts. Richard Toulounjian didn't think that it was such a pleasant welcome because someone else ate his lunch thinking it was left by someone on the night shift. . . . We wish to congratulate William Bergeron for receiving his five-year service pin.

Birthday greetings for the month to Ernest Laporte, Joseph Gniadek, Edward Ebbeling, Wilfred Heneault, Ernest Wellman and Horace Disautell. . . . Our foreman, Cecil Baker, seems lost without his wife, Mrs. Baker, who is out in Washington State on vacation, visiting her brother. This accounts

*Mathias H. McNeil was born in Quebec, Canada*

for someone seeing him hanging clothes out at 5 a.m. so that no one would be aware of the fact. He seems to be losing weight on his cooking, also.

We are glad to see James Devaney become a property owner during the month as he bought the block which he lives in on C Street.

## TOOL JOB

*by George Jones*

Gene Tatro has been selected the Tool Job personality for the month of July. Gene was born in Rockdale and came to Whitinsville when six years old. He attended the schools in the town of Northbridge and then went to work in the Core Room. He worked for five years as a core maker before going to an automotive engineering school in Flint, Mich. . . . Gene then came back to Whitin Machine Works and worked on the electric trucks until one day a welder was needed in the Welding Room. Gene was chosen because he had studied welding in Flint. He has been in the Welding Room for 21 years. Gene has been married for 11 years and has two children. His main hobby is fishing and he can be seen on the shores of Meadow Pond most any evening. He shares this hobby with his favorite sport, baseball.

Alfred Ledoux recently got a Chevrolet so he won't have to walk from Fairlawn to Crescent Street to get a bus. Al built a new house about a year ago. . . . On Thursday, May 31, at 6:45 a.m., Art Barsey was in front of the Belfry door handing out what looked like green pamphlets but actually Barsey was handing out dollar bills. The Red Sox had taken a double-header from the Yankees the day before. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Belval celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary May 30. They have three children. Arthur makes form tools on a milling machine and Mrs. Belval works in the cafeteria. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Stuart celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary May 16. They have two children. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bosma celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary May 29. They have two boys in the Armed Forces overseas and two girls at home. Dick is a repair man on 454. . . . There is a new man in the Welding Room by the name of Elliot Hairyes and he comes from Millbury. He formerly worked for

*Burton Barber, of the Sanitation Department, retired on June 1, after accumulating a total of 45 years of service in the Whitin Machine Works. Foreman William Libbey, on behalf of the members of the department, presented Burton with a purse of money. Mr. P. B. Walker, superintendent of Maintenance, right foreground, was present to congratulate Burton on his many years of service and to wish him happiness in his retirement*

Gay Chrome Co. of Worcester. Elliot built himself a three-room house which he is living in temporarily while he is building a larger bungalow-type home.

Henry Gammon was the proud recipient of a 30-year pin on June 13. . . . Joe Pare of the night shift went to the dentist one day with a toothache. The oddity in Joe's case was that the dentist had taken all of Joe's teeth out a week before. . . . Phil Skillen and Herman Youngsma each had a package of book matches catch fire in their hands recently. Herman's case is excusable, but Phil is a fireman on Co. No. 2 of the Whitinsville Fire Department and he should know better!

Common sights: Sid Baker (Small Tool supervisor) mowing his lawn, wearing a pair of baseball spike shoes. . . . Henry Gammon in front of the gymnasium at quarter past four still waiting for his son, Freddie, to get the car out of the parking lot. . . . Jim Vanderzee cultivating his lawn on upper North Main Street. . . . Nina Iafolla practicing with the Whitin baseball team on Vail Field. . . . George Harabedian planting a garden with his father at "Hyland's Rest" on Main Street. . . . "Big Jim" Malcus and Bill O'Connell umpiring in the Shop softball league. . . . Herb Henderson, Albert (Buck) Belanger and Francis Haggerty, mowing the lawns and fixing up around their newly purchased houses on Crescent Street. . . . Ed Kane, Sr., and Junior, painting their house on "C" Street. . . . Bennie Hall landscaping around his newly built house on Fletcher Street. . . . Joe Christy building his new home on Old Colony Road in Rockdale.

At this writing, Francis Haggerty is in St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester, recuperating from an operation. . . . Joe Bartlett was out two weeks, one of which was spent in the Whitinsville Hospital, with an infection. . . . Sidney (Sip) Lafleur was out one week with a case of the measles (the big kid!) . . . Eshak Mooradian and Mike Feddema are still on the ailing list. . . . Softball: The Tool Job team has been on the road since the last writeup and the trip has been very successful with three wins and one defeat. The defeat came from the Freight House with the score, 5 to 2. The Tool men then took 431 and 434 with very little trouble. The next game was with 448 and the invincible pitcher, Bill Leaver. They had Bill on the ropes with a score of 4 to 0 but Bill was saved by a downpour. (Bill has won 16 straight games. He plays in three leagues.) The last game was with Crib 5 and that was anything but a pitchers' duel. The final score was 22 to 15. The outstanding player was, without a doubt, Herman Haagsma.

## CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

*by Rusty Malkasian*

Jake Hoogoian's party was the scene of a talent hunt sponsored by m.c. "Cookie" Barnes. "Cookie" himself recited some poetry and called off the square dances to put the entrants at ease. The first contestant was Pete Ledoux, who is nationally renowned for his renditions on the squeeze-box and as a concert pianist. George Vincent, second contestant, demonstrated his dancing ability with several specialty routines. Next, Tony Peroni, that man with the mustache, rendered a few saxophone selections, and was followed by Nancy Moss and Rose Onanian, the famous duet that can be heard any evening at 6:30 on Station WMW. Rounding out the program was the "Billy Hodson Quartette," consisting of Eddie Forsythe, George Vincent, Ted Cormier, and Bill Hodson, singing "Little Brown Jug." Votes are still pouring in, so it is impossible to determine a winner as yet.

*Top: Participating in the Memorial Day exercises in Whitinsville on Wednesday, May 30, were color bearers and color guards from the John and Richard Moran Post No. 6145, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Jeffrey L. Vail Post No. 111, American Legion. Bottom: The Northbridge High School band provided the music for the Memorial Day parade*

Bernard Cournoyer, ex-Marine veteran, better known as "Mickey," was recently promoted to Parts in Process man and from all statements overheard, has the job well under control. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Mullen celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on May 18. John is the proud father of ten children—five boys and five girls. . . . New additions to the day shift of Department 418 include "Kon" Derewianczenko, who hails from Ukrania; John Goggins, who is out sick at this writing; Joseph Boulay and Roland Ernest. . . . Oscar Bergeron was transferred to the day shift and to even things up, Henry Kolis was sent to the night shift. . . . At Department 417, Henrietta Hoogendyk is the new blueprint girl, replacing Nancy Moss. We welcome Bucky and bid farewell to Nancy. . . . Andrew Vierstra

*The Whitinsville Fire Department demonstrated its new Seagrave aerial ladder truck on May 17. Fire departments from neighboring towns were invited to attend. From the left: Captain James Connor, Assistant Chief Fred Dexter, Chief Pye, Stoughton; Charles Blomquist, Assistant Chief Hemenway, Fred Algers, Middleboro; Howard Steff, Amherst; Lt. John Boudreau, Auburn; Chief Leo Kujowski, Webster; Chief Charles Watson, Hopedale; Lt. Albert Mathieu, Millbury; Fire Warden Daniel C. Duggan, Chief Edgar Voutour, Northbridge; Deputy Chief Daniel Lemieux, Millbury; Ernest Whalen, Northbridge; Chief Philip B. Walker, Chief Ralph Robertson, North Attleboro; and Everett Johnston. On the right: From the top of the new aerial ladder, Richard Garabedian is shown directing a stream of water above the trees and into the Arcade Pond. In the foreground members of the Whitinsville Fire Department watch the demonstration*

was presented his 30-year pin by Messrs. Bolton, Pierson and Cunningham. . . . Margaret McCudden received her 5-year pin from Mr. Wiersma. . . . Belated greetings of welcome to Roy Swanson of the office force. Roy is one of our planners. . . . Pete Pellerin and Leo Turrene spend all of their spare time fishing at the Cape.

Joan Dorsey and friend, Joan Murphy, were recently en route to Blackstone in that famous car, "Magda," when they lost one of the front wheels. Dorsey chased after the wheel and rolled it back to the car. Then, she hitched a ride to Blackstone, located her boy friend, returned to the scene of the mishap, and watched him repair the damage. Joan says the car runs like a charm now!

We heard a good one about "Cookie" Barnes. During the Sox-Yankees series, Cookie listens to every game. However, every time the Yanks come to bat, Cookie pulls garden duty with those beautiful flowers of his. When the Yanks are retired, Mrs. Barnes notifies Cookie so he can listen to the Sox's half of the inning. This goes on during the whole game. Okay, I guess, but it must be tiring on the Mrs. when there's a doubleheader.

Jake DeJong presented "Tiny" Crosby with a 15-year pin and the following with ten-year pins: Gene Bousievert, Walter Krypski, Bill Hodson, Ted Cormier and Ed Rabitor. . . . Best wishes to Donald Sangster in his new role as assistant to Harry Lees.

We welcome Art Litke who is assistant to Jake DeJong. Art is a faithful follower of the Whitin Ball Club. . . . Walt Bigos (I'll use a basket instead of a glove), Doug Farley (there's a hole in the glove), and Bob Gardner (wadda y' mean, strike three, yer blind), are playing softball for Ray Woodcome's Cheese Champs. These boys are quite confident that they are on the winning team, but our informer tells us differently! . . . George Hoekstra is on a three weeks' trip to Charlotte, N. C. to teach the plant the how's and why's of running an automatic.

*Bob Moorey, Steel Fabricating, tells a lot of fish stories, but how can we dispute him when he brings back a picture to prove he catches the big ones*

## FOUNDRY

*by Robert Ferry*

If anyone is wondering who has the greatest number of years in seniority among the active workers in the Foundry, George Forsythe is the man. George started working here in 1899. His first job was in the Core Room where he worked for about six months. He then became a bench moulder in the Foundry and remained on this job for about four years. Since 1915, George has been a supervisor in charge of distributing the iron.

The Foundry softball team at present is in sixth place but is expected to do better by the end of the season. Alan Jenkins, the clown of the team, plays shortstop and may be issued a fly swatter to reach those short flies he almost catches. He also is one of the speediest men on the team along with the Carols brothers. . . . Coach Gus Forcier as lead-off man has the habit of troubling pitchers by getting on base almost every time up. . . . Richie Chester has a good chance to be named player of the year. With his sensational fielding and hitting record, he's a good prospect. He plays third. . . . We consider that Bob (Speedball) Gariepy is one of the best pitchers in the league.

*Pfc. Armund Dumas, formerly of the Foundry, has recently finished his basic training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. and is now attached to an m.p. unit there*

Andy Lessard has just completed work on a 12-foot boat; it is a combination of a speedboat and rowboat. . . . That's not a new man on the bench, that's Guilbeault with a massacred haircut. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Karl Rollins celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their home last month. Mr. Rollins is a foreman's clerk in the Pattern Loft. Besides being a housewife, Mrs. Rollins is also a Sunday School teacher. She has been a teacher at the Baptist Church in Millbury for the last 20 years. They have one son, Francis, of Seattle, Wash.

Gus Forcier and Al Thibault are really peppped up about the progress of the Red Sox and are giving the Yankee fans a bad time, but we will see when the season is over if they are Red Flops again. . . . Eddie Gwozolowski must know his apples. He has just recently purchased an apple orchard. . . . Varkis Arakelian is back to work after undergoing a tonsillectomy. . . . Edgar Thibault is back to work again after injuring his hand while playing softball for the Foundry. He was the catcher on the team. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burns on celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary. They have two children.

The following were presented pins by Mr. Ray Meader for 5-year service records: Lilianne Boivan, Damase Gariepy, Edgar Thibault, Alcide Leclerc, Clifford Porter, Alfred Lambert, Joe Shugrue, Stanley Kurtyka, Leo Lemelin, Isaac Kalousdian, Mampre Shahanian and Haigas Shehanian. . . . Kasper Kanonian was presented a 30-year pin by Messrs. Bolton, Pierson, Cunningham and Meader, recently.

## FREIGHT HOUSE

***by Harold Libby***

What a busy month! . . . Ed Gorman on vacation in New York; Virginia Gervais and her new Ford; Mary Haywood, of Receiving Department, starting out for work in her bedroom slippers; Rab Bisson and his golf; James Rice and the Red Sox; Arthur St. Andre on the cover of the new SPINDLE; Albert Montgomery and the renovation of his lawn on Overlook Street plus Harold Libby getting ready for the Quebec trip, and Marcel Turgeon preparing for a week's vacation at Old Orchard; Nancy Britten taking snaps of "Johnson's miniature truck"; letters and curios from Art Malo, now in Japan; Peg Cawley and her garden; Eleanor Wood and her softball crowd at Vail Field, and Barney Henault on the night shift.

*George Forsythe, Foundry, is marking his 52nd year with the Whitin Machine Works*

Theodore Wilga, Romeo Roy, Louis Vermette, Vincent Connors and Russell Parkhurst received their five-year pins recently. . . . We congratulate Mrs. Beatrice Carpenter who won the Central Mass. Women's League high triple trophy in bowling with a score of 340. . . . We welcome Kermit Bickford of Sutton, and Clarence Aldrich of Whitinsville, to the Receiving Department. . . . Rene Picard and family enjoyed a June vacation at Lake Winnepesaukee.

*Members of the Chuck Job gathered at the Rock Gardens, Milford, in May to honor Hagop "Jake" Hoogoian with a retirement testimonial. Leon Barnes, foreman, on behalf of the employees, presented him a gift of luggage. "Jake" is a senior employee with 49 years of service. Now that he is retired, "Jake" plans to visit California*

*Levi Rasco, Shipping Department, spends his leisure moments gardening and watching television*

*This photograph of John Blaine, Gear Job, was taken in 1939. The cigar he is smoking was brought to him from the World's Fair. It took Jack three days to finish it*

*David Cooper, Spindle Job, is a shipping clerk and a group leader*

The Harold Libbys will be leaving soon for a 1000-mile trip to Quebec, Montreal, Lake Champlain, Lake George, Howe's Caverns and home through the Mohawk Trail. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Small will accompany the Libbys on the trip. Cecil works in the Production Department. . . . Mrs. Alice Conway's husband was recently home on leave from South Carolina. . . . We were happy to see Archie Langelier who was home on leave recently from boot training. After a 10-day furlough, Archie returned to Camp Cooke in California. While home, Archie's engagement to Doris Landry was announced. . . . Congratulations to Samuel Bachand on receiving his 10-year pin.

*Man-of-the-Month:* Levi Rasco. Levi Rasco was born in September, 1880. Levi worked for two summers in the Linwood Mill while he was completing high school. In 1898 he came to work for Whitin in the Freight House Packing Department where he did small packing work for seven years. He was then advanced to the marking job of the department, where boxes were marked for shipment. He graduated from this job to chief loading man which meant getting the cars ready to roll machinery to its destination. Levi still holds this job. You rarely find Levi on sick leave.

He is very fond of television and John Cameron Swazey is his favorite newscaster and Milton Berle his favorite comedian. Levi lives at 76 North Main Street and has had his present shop garden for the past 30 years. He has big hopes for this year's crop. Levi is well liked by the members of the Department. We are glad that he is with us.

## GEAR JOB

***by Agnes Spratt***

*Personality-of-the-Month:* Jack Blaine is one of the best-liked men in our department. He was born in a small town in Canada in 1880. He came to this country at the age of 14 and a year later started to work for the Whitin Machine Works. At first he worked in the Core Room, then with the Outside Yard Crew, Big Planers and finally in 1903 with the Gear Job. He has been cutting gears for 48 years. Jack is very interested in the Red Sox. His only hobby now is repairing his granddaughter's toys—and, she certainly keeps him busy!

Francis Perry and wife took a trip to the White Mountains, June 16. . . . The Boys' Club of 420 had a grand time at both the Cleveland and Detroit games at Boston. . . . Jack Blaine took a week end trip to Vermont and he claims that it did nothing but snow and hail. In fact, they were stalled on a highway for nearly three hours until the weather cleared!

## SPINDLE JOB

***by Ed Bates***

*Personality: David Cooper.* David Cooper started work in the cotton mill in June, 1923. He worked for one year on the Box Job and was then transferred to the Spindle Job where he has been ever since. He has worked for three foremen. Dave is at present a shipping clerk and group leader for the finish straighteners on 439. It is interesting to note that there are about 16,000 spindles handled through this section weekly. Dave is married

**LOST**

A Panama hat size 7⅛, at the Senior Employees' Banquet, June 21. Will person who left a size 7 Panama in the Cafeteria that evening, please exchange hats with Fred Kramer in Department 427.

and has three daughters. One daughter i presently working for Everett Murch. Dav spends his leisure time keeping his house i good repair.

Adrien Ballou has returned to work after short illness. . . . Joseph McCrea is ill a the moment but we hope that he will be bac with us soon. . . . We have seen Georg Mellor's new truck at the Freight Hous Let's help him to keep his business flourishin

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

***by Fern M. Coombs***

Our first "personality-of-the-month" Howard Stockwell. He is one of our mo reliable electricians, always willing and ab to do anything at any time. He has been a electrician for nine years and has been on t Millbury Police Force for five years. H lives at 8 Millbury Avenue, Millbury wit his wife, son, daughter, and son-in-law. I the spring he is busy harrowing and plowin gardens. All in all, he is an all-around man and that's our Howard Stockwell.

Several changes have taken place in o department recently. John Boothbay, of t night shift, left to take up other work, a Donald Mullen of the day shift has taken h place. Wimpy Whittemore has also l because of ill health. Joe Yerka, an appre tice, has left us temporarily to work with t outside electricians. And Ben Colonero the Foundry Division and Jack Evers ha swapped places. "Biff" Mooradian has al left to take up other work and Fred Bak has taken his place. We wish all those w have left the best of luck in whatever they c . . . Jim Sheldon wishes to thank all w were kind in asking about him and sendi him get-well cards during his recent illne We are glad to report that Jim is now co valescing at home and expects to be back work within a few weeks. . . . Also on c sick list recently were Primo Rizoli and W ren Bailey. They, too, are convalescing home. And, of course, we hope to see th return to work in the very near future.

Like a night out once in a while? Like go to a wrestling match or a ball gar Then, why don't you form a club like electricians have. The dues are only a quar a week. Then when enough money is sa by this method there's a good time to be l by all. The last get-together was for a box match and a supper.

We wish to welcome George W. Dr to the department. George comes fr Fisherville, is married, and has two childr We hope that his stay with us will be lo happy, and successful. . . . Burt Rob son, Burt, Jr., has returned from his tri Paris and London. He has now accepte position in the library department of M.I.T.

*Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dekker and their children are en route back to British West Africa*

## COMBER JOB

*by Hector Chase*

We are aware of the fact that Michael Zylstra is boss gardener at his daughter's home and that oftentimes he will snitch plants from his wife's garden to put in his daughter's garden because he thinks she will like them, but what we just can't quite figure out is why he walked home from his daughter's house the other night and suddenly had to walk back again to get his car. Do you suppose that he tried to plant the car there also?

Norman Stanley, who never uses an alarm clock to wake himself, must have lost track of the time one morning last month when he arrived at work an hour too early.

Arthur Haagsma of the Comber Job and Mrs. Haagsma for the past six months have had their daughter and her family as guests from Africa. The guests, Rev. and Mrs. Peter Dekker and Thelma, Doris and Terry Dekker, Arthur's granddaughters, sailed last month from New York to return to British West Africa where they will resume their work in the missionary field.

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

*by Peggy Deome*

Newcomers to the Engineering Department since the beginning of this year: Richard Ramsbotham, who is assistant to Wallace Leigs. Dick, who was born in Rockville Center, N. Y., is married and has one son. He attended the public schools, graduating from South Side High School in Rockville Center. While at Nichols College, he majored in Business Administration. He recently moved to Webster from East Douglas. . . . Pauline Campbell Wheeler was born and brought up in Whitinsville. She attended the public schools here and now works in our blueprint department. Pauline has a twin brother stationed in Texas with the Air Corps. . . . Harold Miller, a very intelligent young man, is an apprentice in the Drafting Room. He graduated from Northbridge High School and attended Worcester Tech for one year. He is the teacher of a class at the apprentice school in the Whitin Machine Works. . . . Joseph Chabot is the next to the newest member of the Drafting Room; he is an apprentice. Joseph graduated from Northbridge High School and recently was married. . . . Robert Trottier, also an apprentice, is married and the proud father of a boy. Robert also graduated from Northbridge High School. . . . Henry G. Ebbeling, the newest member of the Drafting Room, is a graduate from Northbridge High School. He attends the Rhode Island School of Design during the winter months.

Those who have left our department for the Service are: George Burgess, Raymond Burke, Nicholas Sacco and Cornelius Visbeck. . . . Claire Gaddory, Claire Hancock, Charles Sorton, Charlie Draheim and Michael Boosahda have also left our employ.

Ed Desjourdy, Jim Arsenault and Ben Gryncewicz recently completed a course in engineering at Worcester Junior College. . . . We are glad to welcome back both Celia Demers and Shirley Lightbown who have been out with appendicitis. . . . Catherine Reeves was doing her grocery shopping in the A&P recently and she saw Ray Tebeau of Master List looking for something. When asked what he was looking for, he said that he had lost his grocery cart. Catherine started to help Ray look for it. After looking for a few minutes, he finally discovered where it was. Catherine had been pushing it around, packing her groceries on top of his. . . . Bob Crossland and his brother Milton have recently built a home for their parents on Fletcher Street. Bob is also the proud owner of a new 1951 Ford.

On Friday, June 15, Mr. S. H. Helland presented Flora Frieswick and Wilbert McGaw with a purse of money. It was their wedding gift from the Drafting Room and Master List Department. On Thursday, May 31, Flora was guest at a shower at the Colonial Club in Webster. She was presented with a blanket from the girls in the Drafting Room and surrounding departments.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Jean Cunningham*

Birthday candles go on the cake this month for the following: Herbie Andrews, Roland Benner, Charlie Brouwer, George Hartley, Francis Mateer, Simon Wiersma, Mary Anderson, Lydia Hickey and James Dundas. . . . Helen Altoonian always seems to run into trouble when she goes out for an evening's entertainment. First, she is on her way to a dance with a group of friends and the car gets stuck in the mud. Next time, after an enjoyable evening of dancing, Helen and her friends go back to the car only to find it locked and Carol Arekalian, driver of the car, without keys. Finally, they came to Whitinsville for the keys, returned to Providence but on the way had a flat tire and upon finally reaching Providence, the other members could not be found. Finally, all was well, and "an interesting evening was had by all." . . . Ethel Bates' husband has been transferred to Fort Devens. . . . Ann Brouwer has a new convertible. . . . Frank Budnick, at this writing, is working with Bill Boyd. . . . Johnnie Walsh's daughter graduated from college and is preparing to teach at North Brookfield in the fall. She was on the dean's list. . . . Charlie Mateer and family had a few days' visit from his daughter, Eleanor, and husband. . . . Paul Wheeler soon will be moving to Whitinsville.

Emil Zwyien has returned after a recent illness. We are glad to have him back.

## PROMOTED

William Spratt was recently appointed assistant foreman of the Jobbing Department.

Bill came to the Shop in 1939 and worked on the Picker Job. From there he went to the Jobbing Department, the Winder Job and then on the road erecting Winders. He returned to the Jobbing Department and shortly thereafter he entered the Army Air Corps. He returned to the Jobbing Department in April, 1946.

Bill was born in Whitinsville in 1921. He attended Northbridge schools, the Rhode Island School of Design, and Worcester Junior College. He served three years with the United States Air Corps and was captain of a four-engine bomber. He flew the hump from India to China 114 times.

William is married to the former Bette Gray and they have a son, Bobby, who is two years old.

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## MAIN OFFICE

*by Alice Ferguson and Thelma Vandersea*

Mrs. Frances Scott, a newcomer to the Main Office, has taken over where Marjorie Crockett left off. Marjorie was presented a purse when she left to make a new home in Connecticut. We received a nice note of thanks from her and were sorry to hear that she had the measles. We hope no one else was troubled with them. . . . The girls of the office had a party on Thursday, June 21, at the Old Grist Mill in Seekonk. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Rollins, accompanied by their daughter, Marilyn, attended the graduation and wedding of their son, Ensign William Rollins at Annapolis.

*John Mahoney of the Main Stock Room, on the left, was the June photo mystery. Do you recognize a former soccer star on the right?*

## MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

***by R. W. Yeo***

*Personality of the Month:* Roy A. Burroughs. Roy and his wife, Helen, have lived at 37 Overlook Street in Whitinsville for 25 years. They have two sons: Earle, who is in the Army at the present time and who was formerly employed by the Company, and Wayne who is married and has a daughter, one and a half years old. Wayne is a navy veteran of World War II. . . . Roy started in the Shop 30 years ago in 1921 as an apprentice on the Wood Pattern Job. After a short time, Roy left to go to business school in Worcester. Upon completion of the course, he then went to work for Worcester Steel Products Company as a junior accountant for a year, returning to Whitin in 1923. It was at that time that the Master List Department was first established. R. K. Brown, II, and Roy were the first men in the department. Roy's present job is supervisor of the printing section of the Master List Department. Roy's section is now going through a transition, from the old compotype machinery to the new IBM equipment. . . . Roy's outside activities are mainly concerned with his store, called "The Neighborly Store," which is located in the New Village Area.

Birthday greetings to Jane Longmuir, Joe Roche and Jim McRoberts. . . . John Larsen, an analyst of our assembly group, has been accepted as an outside erector apprentice. John started his new duties on June 25. Our best wishes, John. . . . Interesting fact—Master List Department employees have compiled 567½ years of service for Whitin Machine Works—an average of 13½ years per person.

The "engineers" of 494 have compiled a record of six wins, two losses, in the Whitin Machine Works Industrial Softball League at the half-way mark and, at present, are in a tie for third place (the league consists of 17 ball clubs).

## REPAIR DEPARTMENT AND SALES DEPARTMENT

***by Mame Britton and Charles Polucha***

Apologies are in order to our cosmopolite, Rose Kalonas. Her trip to Bermuda went unnoticed in last month's column. A little bird tells us that a few of our unattached young ladies are carefully hoarding their coppers in the hope that they, too, will have enough money to take the trip. Rose has been very reticent about telling us how she enjoyed her trip, but from the glowing accounts she described to the other damsels, we believe there will be a general exodus at vacation-time from Whitinsville to that British possession. . . . Your reporter and Gladys Nydam had something in common for the month of June. They both had birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and both were presented their five-year pins by Mr. McKaig. . . . Recently, we were pleasantly surprised to see our ex-reporter, Janet Pieleski. She made a little visit to our office and is looking very well.

*Dots and Dashes* . . . Carl Dupree is spending his vacation visiting friends and relatives down in Kinston, N. C. . . . Sadie Gonynor went to Mt. St. James, June 13, to see her hubby get his sheepskin from Holy Cross College. . . . Alyce Kroll and Joyce Young seeking tans down at the Cape the week end of June 16. . . . Birthdays: Ruth Crothers, June 25; Theresa Montville, July 3; Esther Albin, June 8, party at Ma Glockner's. . . . Airplane spotting by members of our department the week end of June 23—Tom Marshall and Harry Drinkwater had the dog watch; don't yawn, boys, 'cause some of those jets will be gone while your eyes are closed. . . . Mrs. Nellie Ferguson and Mary Muradian have left our employ. Sorry to see them go, because they were both conscientious workers.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

***by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin***

Due to the fact that the vacation periods are varied this year, we would appreciate it if you would let your reporters know where and when you spent your vacation. Please get those pictures in also; we can use them. In a department as big as ours, it is impossible for any reporter to keep abreast of each vacation, which is why we beg your co-operation.

My co-reporter, Tad Wallace, was laid low by the virus bug a while back and his card-playing buddies sent him get-well wishes, along with a brand-new kitten to keep Tad's famous feline, Fluffy, company in roaming the back alleys of Douglas. . . . Plans are being made, as this column is being written, for the second annual trip by the Yankees-Red Sox booster club to Boston on the night of July 6. Among the Yankees fans from Production are: "Rizzuto" Rizer, Bill Linkow, Jack Ratcliffe, Bill Taylor, Oscar Asadoorian and Dorsey Devlin while the Sox contingent comprises Lefty Kelliher, Jim Kane, Jerry Revene and Henry Cant. One of last year's Yankees front office executives, Vic Romasco, will be there in spirit only, as the "Chief" is spending all of his leisure moments finishing up his new home.

*Softball Diamond Dust:* Since this column was last written, the Production team dropped from the ranks of the unbeaten. Two close losses, one to 449 and one to 429, leaves us with a record to date of four won and two lost. The team was weakened and again strengthened all in the course of 24 hours when Jackie Ratcliffe left us to join the Whitin Club; then we signed Jimmy Davidson, Jr., star Northbridge High athlete who could, with his all-around ability, spark us to a play-off spot in the league. The loss to 449 was a heartbreaker as we spotted them an early lead with some loose fielding then came back late to close the gap only to lose out, 9 to 7. Ernie Hippert and Jackie Ratcliffe continued to pound the ball hard even in defeat. Next we beat an eight-man 431 team, 11 to 2, with Adrian Donatelli pitching his second victory and another newcomer, Bill Fitzgerald, a husky southpaw, who played a stellar game as did Paul Ullstrom. Again we spotted 429 a six-run first inning, then pecked away until we had tied the score and gone on to bow, 9 to 8, in the extra inning. John "Coo" Mercak and Ernie Hippert's hitting was about all we had to smile about after this game. Leading hitters are McGuinnes, 666; Hippert, 631; John Mercak, 625; Cawley, 571 and Joe Mercak, 434.

Crib 5 Notes: We wish to welcome Sylvia Kooistra, Doris Knaak, Carol Kollett, June Sanger, David Orrell, John Hall and William Noe. . . . Gene Pierce, who worked here before his induction into the Army, was a recent visitor. Gene is now stationed in Indiana. . . . Anne Bourgeois has left us to go to California to join her husband who is stationed there with the Army. . . . Mona Kelliher makes the news again, but this time she was just on vacation. . . . Production Sidelights: Julia McMullin, being taken back a few years to her childhood in nursing a case of measles. . . . "Old Reliable" Jackie Ratcliffe, once again patrolling the pastures for the Whitin ball team.

Richard Braman, Department 429, engaged Florence Gendron of Fisherville.

Olga Carlson, Main Office, engaged to seph Rutana, Roll Job.

Louis Bertone, of the Drafting Room, arried to Theresa Senecal of Uxbridge in t. Mary's Church, May 26.

Pauline Campbell, of the Blueprint Department, married to Pvt. Cecil Wheeler, formerly East Douglas, now with the U. S. Army in Missouri, June 9.

Albert Laucis, of the Drafting Room, gaged to Rita Kachnowicz of Worcester, lay 30.

Ruth Firth, of the Drafting Room, engaged Pvt. George Briggs of Upton and now with e U. S. Army in Atlanta, Ga.

Wilfred (Mike) Villemaire, Department 2, engaged to Helen Gautreau, Department 460.

Carleton Marshall, Department 406A, arried to Gloria Clarke, June 16.

John L. Dorey, Jr., Department 448, arried to Marjorie Devereaux at Our Lady the Angels Church, Worcester, June 30.

William Lelievre, Department 448B, engaged to Madeline Belval of Whitinsville.

Eileen Andrews, engaged to Alan Kelliher.

Armand Larochelle, Department 408, married to Aurore Boulanger, June 30.

Leo Boisvert, Department 408, engaged to arriet Adams.

Charley Desmaraise, Department 449, arried to Marguerite Vose, June 23.

To Lorenzo Audet, Department 429, and rs. Audet, the former Doris Roy of the ear Job, a son, Robert David, born June 1.

To Pat Guertin, of the Foundry, and Mrs. uertin, a son, born May 1, at the Lying-In spital, Providence.

To Jim Ferguson, of the Foundry, and Mrs. rguson, a daughter, born May 10.

To Wallace Meigs, of the Drafting Room, d Mrs. Meigs, a son, Joseph Vincent, born ril 22.

To Stanley Witkowski, of the Foundry, and rs. Witkowski, a son, Philip, their third ild.

To Edgar Scott, of the Foundry, and Mrs. Scott, a son.

To Spofford Boone, spindle polisher, and Mrs. Boone, a daughter, Kathleen, born June 10.

To Ted Chevrette, Department 431, and Mrs. Chevrette, a son, Edward Conrad, born June 18.

To Philip Parks, Department 408, and Mrs. Parks, a son, Allan William, born March 22.

To Walter Frieswyck, of Methods, and Mrs. Frieswyck, a son, born May 22.

To Camille Peloquin, Department 408, and Mrs. Peloquin, a daughter, Linda Louise, born June 3.

To Philip Skillen, Department 454, and Mrs. Skillen, a son, William Michael, born May 23.

To Kevin McKeating, apprentice, and Mrs. McKeating, a daughter, Kathleen, born June 4.

To Leo Eramo, Department 454, and Mrs. Eramo, a son, Michael, born June 5.

To William O'Brien, Box Job, and Mrs. O'Brien, a son, Denis, born June 17.

To Stanley Gadzik, of the Gear Job, and Mrs. Gadzik, a daughter.

To Joseph Audet, of the Ring Job, and Mrs. Audet, a son, born June 11.

To Stephen F. Bombara, Department 416, and Mrs. Bombara, a son, Stephen Francis, born May 26.

## Obituaries

The members of Department 425 extend their sympathy to Thomas Tycks in the loss of his father.

The Picker Floor and No. 16 Stock Crib extends their sympathy to the family of Charles Sweet, who died suddenly June 18. Mr. Sweet came to work at Whitin 14 years ago as stock crib attendant at Department 427 and continued in that capacity until his death. He was a resident of Bellingham.

Thomas F. Carroll, 77, died in Quincy while visiting his daughter. He was a native of Whitinsville and was employed as a roll inspector for 50 years with the Whitin Machine Works, prior to his retirement five years ago. We extend our sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

Lt. Stanley Michelson was killed in a plane crash near Jackson, Tenn., June 4. He came to Whitin in 1949 and worked for a while as a time clerk. He was later transferred to Department 465 where he became a Shop planner. He left on a leave of absence to re-enter the Air Force in April, 1951 and went on active duty May 1, 1951. He leaves his widow, and a son, Stanley, one year old. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

To George Robbins of Department 433, and Mrs. Robbins, the department expresses its sincere sympathy on the loss of their son, George, Jr., in an automobile accident in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Duncan B. Cunningham, 70, died June 3 after a long illness. He was a native of Coylton, Scotland and came here from Woonsocket, R. I. Mr. Cunningham was a roadman for the Whitin Machine Works for 22

*Duncan B. Cunningham*

years and set up carding machines in the principal mills in this country and abroad. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

Moses Vartanian, 77, died on May 24 at the home of his stepdaughter, Mrs. Rose Arakian, in Newburyport. He was a native of Turkey and had resided in this town 50 years. He was employed by the Whitin Machine Works and was a Foundry worker prior to his retirement a few years ago. Our condolences are extended to the members of his family.

William W. Ward, a lifelong resident of this town, died June 2 in Millbury. He was employed at the Whitin Machine Works for 40 years. Our sympathy is extended to his brother and friends.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Hovagin Tosoonian, 70, who died May 26. He was employed at the Whitin Machine Works for 21 years.

The members of the Drafting Room wish to express their deepest sympathy to Arthur Wilson upon the recent death of his father.

Department 416 extends its sympathy to William Perry in the loss of his brother.

Members of the Ring Job express their deepest sympathy to Conrad Sansouci on the death of his father.

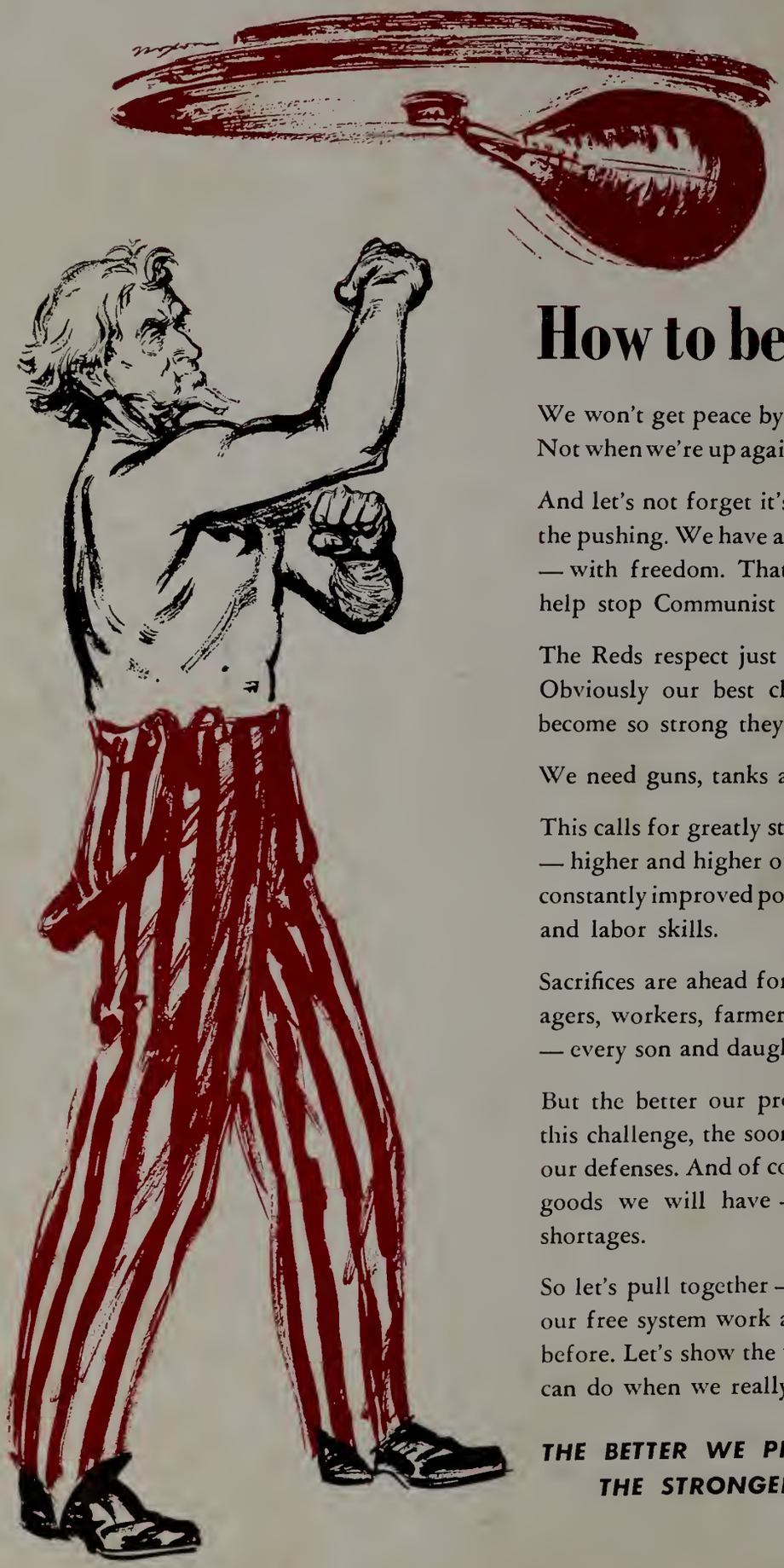
Alice E. Cahill, second in seniority in the women's group with over 30 years' service, died on June 19. She was employed for many years as a ring inspector. We express our sympathy to the members of her family.

We extend our condolences to the family of John Scott who died recently in Elizabethton, Tenn.

The members of the Gear Job extend their sympathy to Joseph A. Charette in the loss of his father, and to Peter Scott in the loss of his wife.

Department 454 extends its sincere sympathy to Leo Tosoonian on the loss of his father.

The members of the Tool Job extend their sympathy to the family of Jack Kane who passed away June 5. He worked on the Tool Job for 11 years before retiring a year ago.



# How to beat a bully

We won't get peace by being pushed around. Not when we're up against Stalin and his gang.

And let's not forget it's the Reds who started the pushing. We have always striven for peace — with freedom. That's why we must now help stop Communist aggression.

The Reds respect just one thing — strength. Obviously our best chance for peace is to become so strong they won't dare attack us.

We need guns, tanks and planes, *fast!*

This calls for greatly stepped-up productivity — higher and higher output per man-hour — constantly improved power machines, methods and labor skills.

Sacrifices are ahead for us all—owners, managers, workers, farmers, professional people — every son and daughter of Uncle Sam.

But the better our productive system meets this challenge, the sooner we will strengthen our defenses. And of course, the more civilian goods we will have — the fewer needless shortages.

So let's pull together — all of us. Let's make our free system work as it has never worked before. Let's show the world what Americans can do when we really try!

***THE BETTER WE PRODUCE***
***THE STRONGER WE GROW***

# THE WHITIN Spindle

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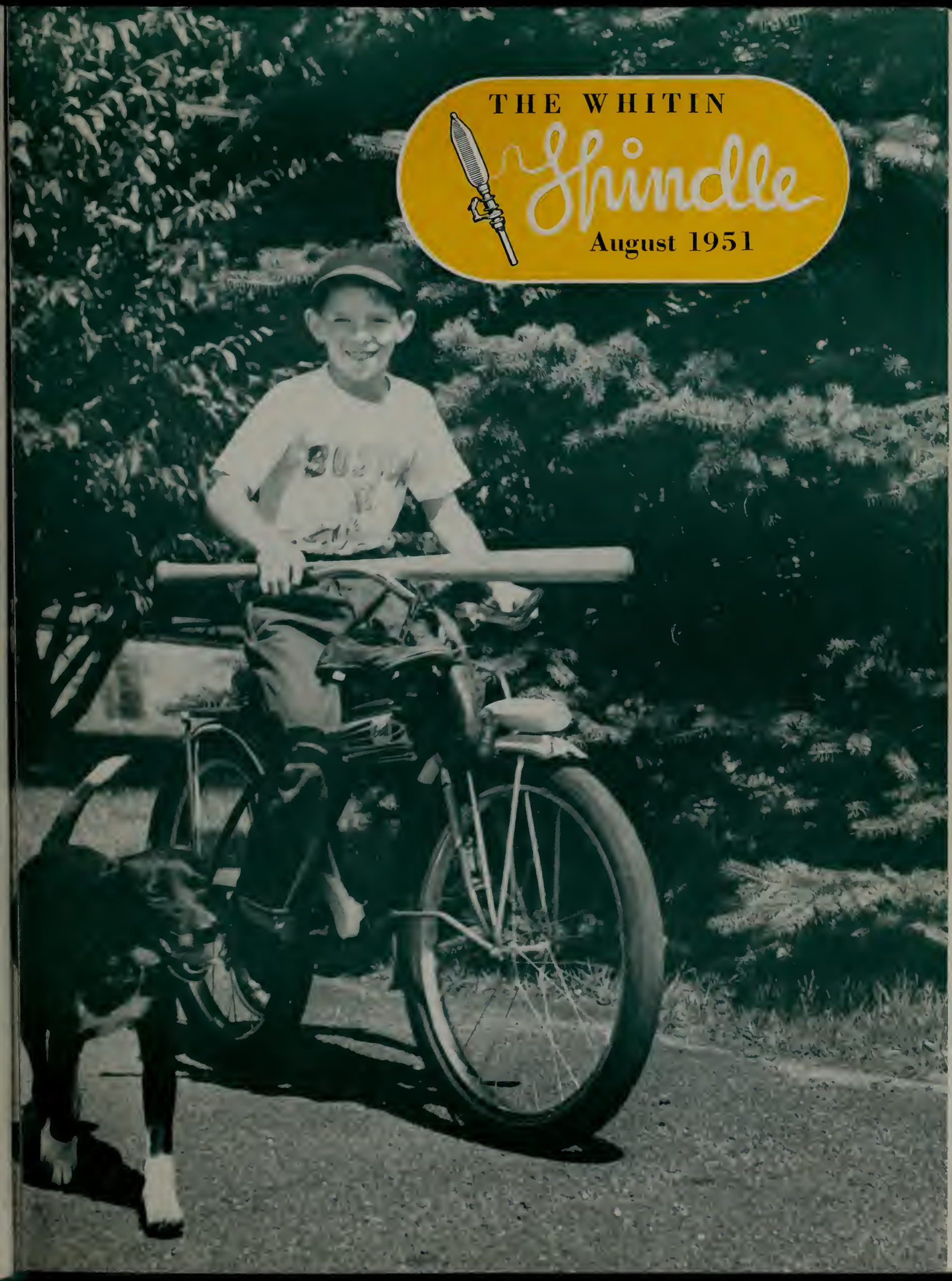


Edgar Parent, Core Room, is a veteran of World War II. His hobby is bass fishing at Cape Cod. He has one daughter and lives in North Uxbridge

Harry Hamporsian, Foundry, came to Whitinsville in 1906 from Armenia. He recently purchased a Shop house on D Street. His hobby is gardening

Joseph "Shorty" Greenwood, steamfitter, first came to Whitin 10 years ago. He is married and has two daughters and five grandchildren

# Familiar Faces

## AROUND THE PLANT

Adeline Montgomery is an inspector on the Roll and Brush Job in the Linwood Division. She has lived in Whitinsville for 51 years and worked 19 years in the Shop

Ann Hoogendyke worked on magnetos before she went to the Milling Job. Ann has a brother and sister also working for Whitin Machine Works. Her hobby is sports

Joseph Hetherington, Sr., wood carver and cabinet-maker, received medals for his craftsmanship. He taught these two trades in England before coming here 43 years ago

John Wasiuk, Sr., o Bolster Job, is a veteran with 48 yea service. He recently to East Douglas after re in Whitinsville for 45

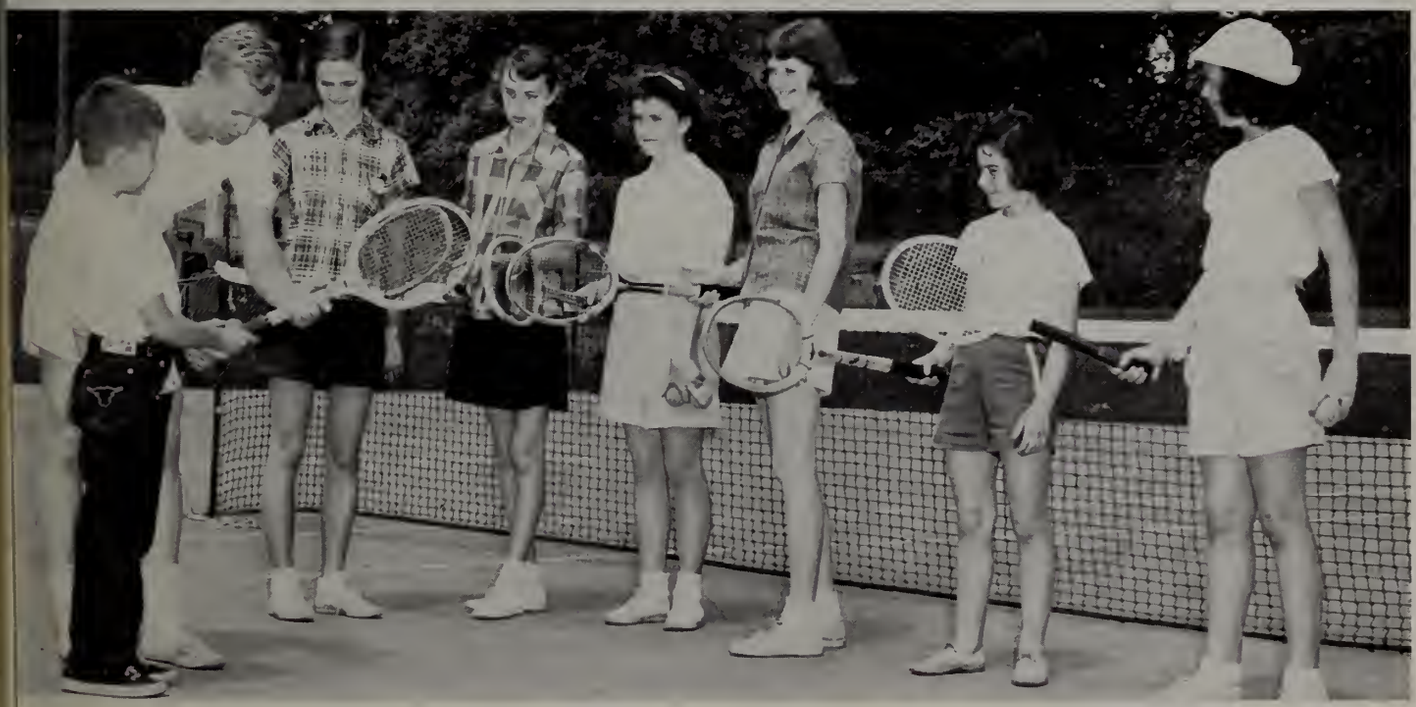
*Barbara Haworth and Edward Blaine, swimming instructors, teaching a class at Kiwanis Beach*

# Summertime is Playtime

By Roscoe Marker

The 1951 playground season is in full swing in the town f Northbridge. Throughout the summer months children of all ages enjoy the recreation programs planned for them at eight playgrounds and two beaches. Each playground has two directors who carry on a program of inter-park competition in crafts, athletics, and games. Each week during the summer a special event is scheduled where all the children are given an opportunity to participate in doll shows, pet shows, hikes or cook-outs, swimming meets, field days, peanut carnivals and hobby shows.

Northbridge is one of the few towns in the country fortunate enough to have so many facilities and such splendid parks and arrangements for the pleasure and entertainment of its children.



*lbert Anderson, of Springfield College, teaching one of his morning classes the fundamentals of tennis at the Whitin Park Courts*

*Right: Newcombe is a favorite game with the children at the Plummers playground*

*Below: The Northbridge Recreational Hobby Exhibit was held at the Whitin Park, Wednesday, July 18. Ernest Chase, right foreground, surrounded by his friends, proudly displays his collection of miniature Army vehicles, soldiers and airplanes*

In 1943 when an increasing number of women were required to leave their household duties to assist in manufacturing war material for our country's defense, it was realized that during the summer months a large number of children would be without adequate parental supervision. In our own community Miss Ethel Pope, Mrs. E. Kent Swift, Mrs. Sydney R. Mason and Mr. Roscoe Marker showed great concern about the situation and considered a summer playground program as a possible answer to the problem. They called a general meeting on April 12, 1943, so that interested townspeople could attend and decide what they most needed. Fifty people attended this first meeting, and came to the conclusion that a recreation program should be made available especially for those children with both parents working in industry.

A committee to run the program and raise funds was appointed and within two weeks had collected $1,919.20. This money was raised by public subscription. The Whitin Machine Works made an additional contribution of $900.00 for playground equipment. Due to war shortages the swings and slides did not arrive until the last

*The swings are seldom idle during a free-play period at Whitin Park*

*Even the tiny tots are shown how to swim at Electric Pond, Rockdale. The instructors are Patricia Walsh and Jim O'Neil*

week of the 1943 program. However, a start had been made. Four playgrounds and one swimming area were operated under the direction of five supervisors.

At the completion of the first year the executive committee felt that the project had been so successful that it should be made a permanent part of the town budget. A warrant was therefore inserted for consideration at the town meeting in 1944. An appropriation of $2,500 was approved to be administered by the selectmen, for child welfare and playgrounds.

In 1944 five more play areas were added to the original four. The Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company granted permission to use the Rockdale ball field; the Polish American Association, the Plummer ball field; Mr. Earl J. Liberty, the ball field in Linwood; Whitin Machine Works, Leland Park; Kupfer Bros., the Riverdale ball field, and at this time Kiwanis Beach reverted to the care of the Whitin Machine Works and it too was leased to the playgrounds.

As far as Northbridge is concerned, the playground movement has passed its infancy. Under a playground and recreation commission, which is elected by the voters, this project has matured into a really great undertaking which should be a source of great pride.

The growth of the program from 1943 to 1950 is clearly shown by the following attendance chart.

| *Year* | *No. of Weeks* | *Sessions* | *Attendance* | *Av. per Session* | *No. of Playgrounds* | *Daily Av. per Session* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1943 | 8 | 406 | 14,827 | 37 | 4 | 148 |
| 1944 | 8 | 696 | 32,997 | 47 | 6 | 282 |
| 1945 | 8 | 639 | 29,467 | 46 | 6 | 276 |
| 1946 | 8 | 599 | 32,812 | 55 | 7 | 385 |
| 1947 | 8 | 825 | 41,583 | 49 | 8 | 392 |
| 1948 | 8 | 817 | 40,581 | 50 | 8 | 400 |
| 1949 | 8 | 823 | 39,409 | 48 | 8 | 384 |
| 1950 | 7 | 733 | 38,382 | 52 | 8 | 416 |

*The Rockdale playground, when completed, is expected to be one of the finest in the town of Northbridge*

*Checkers and mumblety-peg baseball are popular pastimes with the youngsters at the Linwood playground*

*Right: At the Leland Street playground, tiny folk amuse themselves in the sandbox while older brothers and sisters look on. Below: Our future "big leaguers" spend their mornings playing baseball at Lasell Field*

## Summertime is Playtime

*(continued)*

*Above: The girls enjoy a game of kick soccer baseball at Vail Field*

*Can you find your son or daughter in these photographs? This gives you some idea of the number of children who attend the swimming classes at the Gym every morning. We doff our hats to Louise Lash and Harold Case, who are doing an excellent job of teaching*

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## TOO MANY $ $— TOO FEW GOODS

When a nation has a large supply of money and a shortage of goods, people behave just as a crowd does at an auction.

The auctioneer holds up an article—a watch, for instance. Somebody bids $10. You think it is worth about $20, but you know it's the last watch in the sale. You bid $25.

The other man bids $30. Knowing, as you do, that the watch is worth only $20, you nevertheless want a watch. Besides, you have a month's pay in your pocket. You bid $40, and the other man bids $50.

That's the way inflation works when money is plentiful and goods are scarce. It works that way whether you're buying a watch at an auction or canned beans at a grocery. Inflation is too many dollars chasing too few goods.

In order to lower prices, one of two things must happen: either the production must grow up to the money supply, or the money supply must be cut down to the supply of goods.

FRONT COVER: Summertime is playtime for the youths in the Town of Northbridge. Jimmie Leonard, shown with his dog "Boots," is one of our typical boys who spends a great deal of his summer vacation playing baseball at one of the many playgrounds. Jim is the son of Ernest Leonard, a clerk in the Outside Paint Shop.

# *Whitin Personality*

ROBERT G. MCKAIG, assistant secretary and manager of the Repair Sales Office, was born in Grafton, Mass. He attended Northbridge schools and completed two years of business school. When he entered the Whitin Machine Works in June, 1907, he served as clerk-stenographer in the Superintendent's Department under Mr. A. H. Whipple.

About 1909, he collaborated with Mr. Tibbetts, foreman of the Tool Department, in making a survey of all machinery tools in the Shop and later helped to assign insurance numbers to the many thousands of units. This was the beginning of the system which is still in effect.

Bob has been with the Repair Sales Division for many years and during that time has served in several capacities. In 1943 he became assistant secretary of the corporation.

Mr. McKaig is very active in civic affairs. He is chairman of the John Whitin Lasell Memorial Field Commission, chairman of the Playground and Recreation Commission, secretary-treasurer and a founder member of the Whitinsville Golf Club.

Most of his week ends are spent at his summer home at Cape Cod but during the winter months, he and Mrs. McKaig reside at 103 Hill Street. Bob's hobbies are fishing and golf.

# Thesaurus

By Frank N. Stone

*"This gentleman,*
*as humble as you see him,*
*Is even this kingdom's treasure."*

*Dr. Balmer and his family were escorted to the reception stand by Mr. Winford Jones and Mr. Raymon F. Meader, while the band played an appropriate march*

The day was bright and fair and as I looked about from my vantage point at Vail Field, I could not help but recall Addison's "guilded scenes" and "poetic fields." All nature seemed to have given its benison and to have joined with the throng assembled at the Field to pay homage to Dr. William Edward Balmer for having devoted half a century in selfless devotion to his community. The band playing, now solemn folk songs, now gay and sprightly marches, suddenly signalled the approach of Dr. Balmer. Stately as Saul, he proceeded to the platform with members of his family and with his honor escort, Mr. Winford Jones and Mr. Raymon Meader, while his friends and neighbors rose and accorded him so tremendous an ovation that celestial harps must have been stirred to music by the sound.

During the simple but moving ceremonies which followed, Dr. Balmer evinced "the proud embarrassment of the artist, tasting the enjoyment of looking on his own works with the eyes of strangers." Mr. Kevin Sherin, a prominent member of the Bar, acted as the Master of Ceremonies and was the first to lay his wreath of praise at the feet of the venerable physician. Mr. George L. Searles, Chairman of the Northbridge Selectmen, then presented to Dr. Balmer a large bronze "Key to the Town," suitably inscribed as the symbol of his having an abiding place in the hearts of his townsmen.

Mrs. Harry W. Brown next read the "Doctor Balmer Story" which was in essence the report of Dr. Gordon Berry and his General Practitioners Award Committee of the Worcester District electing Dr. Balmer as the outstanding family physician honored by the American Medical Association in May, 1949. The report cited Dr. Balmer as "Scholar, Public-spirited Citizen, Skilled Physician, General Practitioner in the highest meaning of the term, Counselor and Friend."

It was then my turn to read some of the many congratulatory messages sent from near and far by members of Dr. Balmer's Yale College Class of '97. Clergymen, professors, educators, physicians, statesmen, lawyers, bankers and captains of industry, hastened to pronounce their classmate, the humble country doctor, a man who has made his life eminently successful and whose intrinsic worth even in the college days of long ago appeared as a long vein of gold increasing in width and depth as his years were mined by that knowing prospector, Time.

Mr. William A. Spratt was then introduced as the spokesman for many of his fellow citizens whose first cries were heard by Dr. Balmer as he spanked them to life. Mr. Spratt presented to Dr. Balmer a book containing the names of 1900 persons whose birth in the Town of Northbridge was attended by the doctor. Mr. Spratt reminded the audience that Dr. Balmer's spanking vigor even now remains unabated and in great demand.

Miss Elizabeth Lasell then called attention to the important part played by a physician's wife in his life of service; she also must walk the way of self-abnegation. Miss Lasell presented to Mrs. Balmer a beautiful bouquet of roses and enthusiastically praised her quiet grace and learning.

Finally, Dr. Henry S. Sullivan spoke earnestly of Dr. Balmer's unobtrusive understanding ways, his loyal friendship, his devotion to his patients whom he served with "all his heart and soul," his great ability, his absolute integrity, his virtues as a citizen and a patriot—in short, of a gentleman whom to know is to love and to admire. Dr. Sullivan, in behalf of Dr. Balmer's many friends, presented to him a purse of $1,708.00 as the merest token of their high regard.

The ceremonies were brought to a close by the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Balmer whose 78th natal day, July 22, was anticipated by only a few hours. Then the admiring crowds surged to the Reception Stand to felicitate the man whose life and work has meant so mneh to all who have known him.

"I would the great world grew like thee,
Who grewest not alone in power
And knowledge, but year by hour
In reverence and in charity."

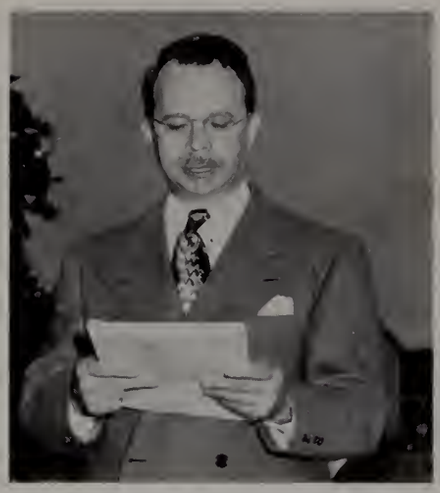
As his life and work are reviewed before us, we can but hope that this age will not forget the era that has given us saintly and stalwart men like Dr. Balmer. They were reared in homes suffused with the earitative principles of Christianity and in schools where it was firmly believed that the "soul of education is education of the soul." Unlike this egocentric age with its everasting whining of "What's in it for me?", theirs was an epoch of searching for eternal values and of the laying up of heavenly treasures. In honoring Dr. Balmer, we have honored the noble purposes to which he has dedicated his life.

In the Final Assizes, may we be found beside Dr. Balmer and hear the citation, "I was siek and ye visited Me," and again, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me"; may our Lord Jesus then pronounce upon us His gracious verdict—"Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom—!"

*Mr. George Searles, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, presenting the "Key to the Town" to Dr. Balmer*

*Dr. Henry S. Sullivan presented to Dr. Balmer, a purse donated by his friends and admirers*

*Seated on the reception stand, besides Dr. and Mrs. Balmer and their family, were Miss Elizabeth Lasell, Mrs. Harry Brown, Mr. Kevin Sherin, Mr. Winford Jones, Mr. Raymon Meader, Mr. George Searles, Dr. Henry Sullivan, Mr. Frank N. Stone and Mr. William Spratt*



*Mr. Frank N. Stone read the congratulatory messages received from Dr. Balmer's many friends*

*Mrs. Harry W. Brown read the "Dr. Balmer Story" written by Dr. Gordon Berry*

*Mr. Kevin Sherin, a prominent member of the Bar, was Master of Ceremonies*

***"Honor a physician with the honor due unto him"—***

ECCLESIASTICUS

Born in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, on July 22, 1873, the son of William and Sarah (Ray) Balmer
Graduate of Northbridge High School—1891
Graduate of Williston Academy—1893
Graduate of Yale College—1897
Graduate of Yale Medical School—1900
Began medical practice—1901
Began service as Physician to the Northbridge Board of Health—1909
Member of the Northbridge School Comm.—1913–1928
Chairman of School Committee—1914–1928
Northbridge School Physician since 1928
Assisted in founding the Whitinsville Hospital—1913
Member of the Medical Staff of Whitinsville Hospital since 1913
President of the Hospital Medical Staff since 1946 (when the office was created)
Founded Well Baby Clinic in Whitinsville and served as attending physician since 1915
Medical Member of Local District Exemption Board—World War I
Head of Selective Service Board 118—Worcester County—World War II
Member of Worcester District Medical Society since 1901
Associate Medical Examiner for Seventh District Worcester County—1916–1919
Medical Examiner for that District since 1919
Member of the Massachusetts Medico-Legal Society
Member of the Village Congregational Church (Whitinsville)
Deacon of the Church since 1942
Member of Granite Lodge, A. F. & A. M., St. Elmo Arch C Chapter; Woonsocket Commandery Knights Templars
Awarded Fifty Year Pin by Massachusetts Medical Society in May, 1951

*Among the guests of honor were Mrs. Balmer and family. Seated next to the Doctor and Mrs. Balmer are their grandsons William Edward Balmer, 2nd, and Barton Harry Balmer, of Big Indian, New York. Standing, from the left: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Arsini, New York City (Mrs. Arsini is the former Eleanor Balmer), Edward, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Balmer, Washington, D. C.*

*At the close of the program the Doctor's many friends formed a reception line and congratulated him on his 50th anniversary as a physician*

## Doctor Balmer Day—July 21, 1951

### *Officers of General Committee*

Winford Jones, Chairman — Frank N. Stone, Secretary
Robert G. McKaig, Co-Chm. — Lawrence Keeler, Treasurer

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Philip B. Walker, Construction and Decorations

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# OASIS

By Frank N. Stone

*"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."* **Psalm 1:3**

The Scriptures abound in similes which compare the development and the works of men with the growth and fruits of the trees and of the plants and grasses of the fields. With such antecedent thought, an anonymous writer recently drew similar analogies from the soil upon which all life depends for its sustenance. Some men, he wrote, are like a dismal swamp which receives heavenly, life-giving showers only to saturate itself and to become more deeply mired. No joyous brooks or torrents issue from the swamp to delight the eye or to make the fields green or the plains fertile. In fetid stillness the swamp decays exuding its noxious odors to poison the very air around it. The swamp and its miasma typify the selfish man who lives only unto himself and whose soul becomes putrescent while he hoards or consumes alone every heaven-sent gift. The writer compared such self-seeking men also with the arid desert which receives the genial sunshine but gives nothing to flower or growth. In its burning sands nothing can live and for all the blessed sunlight it receives it remains a desolate wasteland.

Since we find so many "swamps" and "deserts" in this our day, how fresh are the fountains and how glorious the trees and flowers of the oases we encounter on our way. Surely those whose feet have found a path to Ralph E. Lincoln will hail him as a verdant oasis giving generously the shade and comfort of friendship, the slaking waters from the springs of his wisdom, and the fruits of his husbandry and experience.

Of the many men and women whose lives have been enriched by Ralph E. Lincoln, one hundred and thirty-five gathered at the Whitinsville Golf Club in the evening of July 12 to pay him special honor upon his having completed fifty years as a faithful steward of the duties and responsibilities entrusted to him by the Whitin Machine Works.

As they assembled on the wide verandas of the Club House, the celebrants could see the great hall softly lucent in the dusk and they could hear the pleasing drone of a Hammond organ upon which Ernest Johnsonwas playing popular tunes. Soon Mr. Lincoln arrived and the guests

*Left: Mr. J. Hugh Bolton presenting 50 Year Service Pin to Mr. Ralph E. Lincoln*

*Right: Mr. Lincoln and his family at the head table. From the left: Howard Dunford; Mrs. Howard Dunford, niece of Mr. Lincoln; Richard Lincoln, son; Mrs. Ralph Lincoln; Mr. Ralph Lincoln; and Sally Ann Lincoln, his granddaughter*

*Shown in these two photographs are some of the office employees and Whitin executives who attended the dinner party honoring Mr. Ralph E. Lincoln on his 50th anniversary with the Whitin Machine Works*

egan to take their places in the banquet hall where Mrs. Iarry Dowling was to serve a sumptuous turkey dinner.

Seated at the head table Mr. Lincoln was flanked on ne side by members of his family: his wife, his son, Richard, his granddaughter, titian-haired Sally, his iece, Jean Dunford, and her husband, Howard Dunford. n his left were: Mr. Robert McKaig, Mr. E. Kent wift, Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. E. S. Alden, Mr. R. J. IcConnell and Mr. P. B. Walker. Other guests, includ- g officers and directors of the Company, department eads, and employees of the various departments and ivisions under Mr. Lincoln's jurisdiction, mingled in- ormally around the other tables.

The happy mood of the festivities was touched off ith the hearty singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow." Throughout the dinner this mood was sustained by the ollicking tunes on the organ and by the gay recitals mong various groups, of this great man's humor, Yankee hrewdness, uncanny feats with figures, and his lucubra- ons in the counting house.

These stories, which have become sagas in the Factory nd the Village, showed with what a scepter Mr. Lincoln uled his domain. Although he has "that in (his) coun- nance which I fain would call master" he does not hold way with tyrannical rule but impresses his authority ith his manliness, wisdom and kindness. The only ranny of which I heard and which seemed to endear m all the more to the storyteller, was his intolerance the fellow who failed to feed an already fat cat resident the Freight House.

When Robert McKaig, Master of Ceremonies, called pon the officers at the head table to address the guest honor, these precious stories began to take official rm. Mr. P. B. Walker delivered his address in rhyme tolling Mr. Lincoln's modesty and reviewing his devo- on to duty as a payroll clerk fifty years ago even as he ow serves in the fourfold capacity of Director, Vice- resident, Purchasing Agent and Office Manager. Mr. . J. McConnell next joshed Mr. Lincoln about his prowess at golf, a game in which he hasn't many peers. Mr. McConnell's "text" was supplied by a golfer who probably still smarts from a drubbing on the putting green. Mr. E. S. Alden then alluded to Mr. Lincoln's phenomenal memory and the cheerful co-operation given Mr. Alden during the many years when their work and interests coincided.

After announcing that he, too, has been a victim of Mr. Lincoln's devastating accuracy with the golf clubs, Mr. J. Hugh Bolton spoke of Mr. Lincoln's tolerance of the views of others, his gentlemanly bearing and the smoothness of his business relationships. Mr. Bolton took the occasion to confer upon Mr. Lincoln a special "Fifty Year" accolade. Finally, Mr. E. Kent Swift jocularly expressed his amazement that so abstemious a man as Mr. Lincoln could, nevertheless, continue to look upon his fellow man with an unjaundiced eye. Although each of the speakers interlarded his remarks with jests, the burden of his speech was this: that Ralph E. Lincoln was a tried and valued friend, esteemed for his strength, his wise counsel, his trustworthiness, his loyalty, and his pervading desire to lend a helping hand to any good or noble endeavor.

Mr. Frank Polucha then came bearing a Zenith Portable Radio which he, in behalf of all present, presented to Mr. Lincoln. Miss Elizabeth Graham, at the same time, presented to Mr. Lincoln's self-effacing and charming spouse, a bouquet of roses.

Mr. Lincoln rose to acknowledge the applause, the praise and the gifts of his friends. Words were not necessary to clothe the sentiments which permeated the hall. Yet, after indulging in some precious reminiscences, Mr. Lincoln expressed his heartfelt thanks to all for their testimonies of affection and esteem.

Individually, the guests then came to shake Mr. Lincoln's hand warmly and to wish him many more years of life, fruitful unto all good works and replete with happiness. As it began, the festivites ended in conviviality, and the night was gay with laughter and dancing.

# Baseball Scoreboard

By James Brosnahan

With one-third of the season gone and sporting a six and five record, the Whitin baseball picture for this year begins to clear rapidly; so much so that I may even make a few guesses and place myself out on the proverbial limb. Before making any guesses, though, I believe the following facts should be brought to your attention.

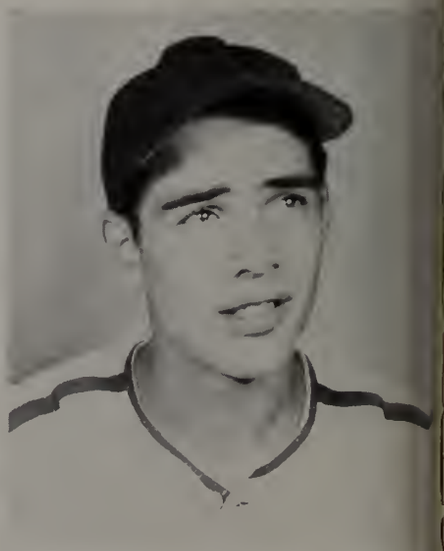
At this point we have played six home games with a total attendance of 4,333 which averages 722 paid admissions per game. These figures easily place us at the top of the league as far as attendance goes. We are well ahead of our mark in the Valley's best gate year which was '49! That year we played a 35 game schedule and after our first 10 home games we had drawn 6,657. So, you see, interest still rides high here in Whitinsville. Around the rest of the league, with the exception of attendance during the "Big Games," it is noticeable that the gates are small.

The second fact I wish to note is the absence of the "Old Pros" and how I think it is affecting the league. I believe the caliber of ball being played this year is equal to organized ball's good "D" or fair "C" leagues. In '49 and '50 we were playing a good "B" brand of ball. Why the drop? I was never one to like a club loaded with Pros but I did believe in a balanced club with two (or three at the most) of the "Old Pros" to steady and teach the rookies. It was always the older men who carried us for the first month till the youngsters got their confidence and bearing. The young fellows looked up to these men even though the Pros were "on the way down." They listened and they hustled when those men spoke and I think within a month they showed at their best, for by then, the "Old Pros" had them filled with confidence and well "smarted up."

This year the kids are going it alone. There's no one to carry them over the bumps and no one to council them on the playing field. True, their mistakes are pointed out during the practice sessions and the tricks are showed them then. However, it was always nice for a kid, after "booting one," to have an older club member advise him how the play should have been made and at the same time reproach the hecklers for booing the youngsters. That one thing, I believe, was a great factor in the favor of balancing youth with age. This year, the kids are trying and learning but it is a much slower process and for those who like and know their baseball, it is a slower league. I don't think it shall remain so, however for every man in this league is a potential ball player of some greatness. He has caught the eye of some coach or manager during his college or high school days and he is in this league because those men who picked him saw something. That something is the mark of a good ball player. Some of these fellows will develop and attain the mark—more will fall by the wayside. But by August, I believe the clubs in this league will be playing good "C" bal

*Amos Dixon, pitcher*

*Lou Simonini, outfielder*



*Artie Ratner, outfielder and infielder*

because by then each club will have jelled and though this is a good month slower than the process has taken in the past I believe the fans realize its cause is due to the absence of the steadying "Old Pros" and that the kids will come to play good ball but slower than in the past.

So much for my ideas and attempts at being an analytic sportscaster. To turn now to the Whitin standing and accomplishments. Our six and five record as of July 16 has us in third place. To date we have had wonderful pitching from Dave Sisler, Jim O'Neil, Bill Wilson and Amos Dixon. But then, this always was a pitcher's league and Whitin is used to the best in this department. Mike Roarke behind the plate was slow to start, defensively, but is now back in form. There wasn't anything slow about Mike's manner of "rippling the willow" and his hitting was a big factor in carrying us to this date. At first base, Ronnie Cole is the exact opposite of the men who have gone before him, for he is a "hitter" and not too much of a glove man. This fellow, I think, may well hit with the best of them someday so why worry about the glove work—he can always be taught that. At second base, Jack Concannon, though injured early, is still the best defensive man at that position in this league and he is beginning to hit consistently. Should he continue with his good stick work, Jack's going to live up to what I, for one, have always thought of him as being—a fine prospect to be in and stay in the "big time." At "short" we have a little fellow who has a tremendous pair of shoes to fill and who is doing just that—filling them! Doc Ayers is another "Scooter" defensively and offensively, I think he is a "Pesky" hitter. At third we have a boy who died a thousand deaths here in his first three weeks and to be quite blunt, though, he has the best pair of hands seen here in some time; he looked as though he couldn't hit the size of his hat—6⅞. Hal Reilly stuck, though, and fought his way out of the dumps. Lately he has put good wood on the ball and although he is a long way from being another Farrell or Magdziak, this lad is coming and he may yet make us forget both of those men. In our outfield we are well set now with the fellow who was reported finished two years ago. Still showing he is far from done, Jack Ratcliffe is still this league's number one defensive outfielder and if you don't believe me, why all the moans when the long ball's hit and Jackie is riding the bench—or all the "at ease" and expectance when Jackie's out there pulling them down. Jack hit .329 plus, last year (although he never was rated as a hitter) and this year he is still stroking the ball well so I see no need to worry about Jack for another year. Our other three outfielders are all fair men with "the stick." Gene Gore seems to be both. He is a good defensive player, the closest to Jackie in that respect, that I've seen here. While Al Hackett and Art Ratner may not be too outstanding as glove men, they both hit well. Hackett would seem to be a power hitter who will belt the long ball while Ratner will get his single or double consistently. Lou Simonini and John Doldoorian complete our playing roster at this time. Lou, an outfielder, had everyone ga-ga when he first arrived, for this boy looked like he had "it." He fell off badly during the latter part of June and early July and for a while it looked like he might be on the 8:19. However, he was on our final roster and since that was settled, his mental anguish is over and with a return of his confidence I look to see this boy snap out of his slump and show us some stick work.

John Doldoorian, better known as Dol-Doe, is our substitute catcher and though it is a big jump from freshman college ball to the Valley League, John looks as though he is going to be a good man to have around. He is not a polished receiver, by any means, but that will come for he is big, strong and willing. With the stick this kid may turn out to be a murderer for he is a long ball hitter. With a little confidence and if a few hits will fall for him, this boy could well be our next home town hero.

In closing, I think we will have a good club which will finish first or second. Douglas has a big jump right now having won ten and lost one. With one third of the season gone this is a tremendous edge; however, should our pitching hold up, I feel confident that our hitting will be good and if our defense is not too porous I look to see us in the thick of that flag race. I will go as far as to say that if we can catch Douglas with five games to go, I think we can make the top. If we can't catch Douglas in the regular season, I still think we will be hard to beat in those playoffs.

*Do you recognize the members of this 1910 Northbridge Center Baseball Team? Seated, from the left: Willie Smith, William Nimchick, Arthur Shaw and Milton Wardsworth. Standing: Dave Aldrich, Harry Barry, Chris Hanson, Irving Peck, and Harry Lambert*

Dave Sisler, *pitcher*

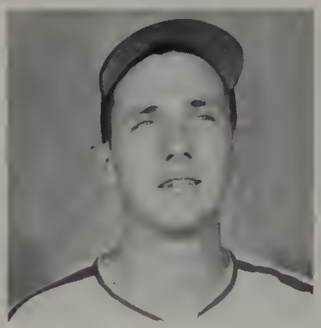
Jim O'Neil, *pitcher*

Bill Wilson, *pitcher*

Mike Roarke, *catcher*

# Whitin BASEBALL TEAM

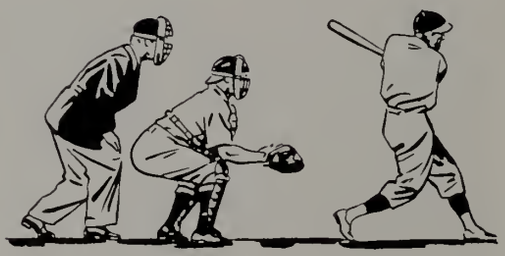
Ronnie Cole, *1st base*



Jack Concannon, *2nd base*

Doc Ayers, *shartstap*

Hal Reilly, *3rd base*



Gene Gore, *right field*

Al Hackett, *left field*

Jack Ratcliffe, *center field*

John Doldoorian, *catcher*

# WHITIN BASEBALL PERSONALITIES

### Jim O'Neil

A B.S. of Social Science, Jim will graduate from Holy Cross next year, where he has starred for three years in basketball and baseball. In his second year at Whitin, Jim has finally come into his own with more work and has proved to be a most effective pitcher. He, too, hopes for a pro-ball career and is then interested in F.B.I. work.

### Bill Scholtz

Billy who will not report to our club until August, due to his R.O.T.C. training, will also be in his second year with Whitin. Last year, Bill was our "stopper" and in the stretch drive for this year's flag, we look forward to more of his able work.

### Ronnie Cole

Born January 20, 1931, in Tarrytown, New York. Ronnie graduated from Washington Irving High School in Tarrytown where he played three sports: football, basketball and baseball. He is a member of the Class of '53 at Ithaca College where he is majoring in physical education. Ronnie seems to be one of the most promising hitters we have had in some time.

### Lou Simonini

Born February 9, 1931, in Newark, New Jersey. Lou graduated from Seton Hall High School in '48 where he played baseball. He was All-State in that sport in '48. Lou is a member of the Class of '52 at Seton Hall College where he is majoring in Business Administration. He is a good glove man and has the capabilities of becoming a good hitter.

### Jack Ratcliffe

Team captain and a six-year man with Whitin seems to improve with the years. Jack is recognized by all as the best defensive center fielder in the league and last year his .320 average made him one of the league's leading hitters. This year he is continuing his outstanding defensive work and has remained red-hot with the stick.

### Jack Concannon

Captain-elect for next season's Holy Cross baseball team and a four-year man with Whitin. This is his third year as our second baseman. This year should end Jack's summer stay in our circuit as he hopes to make the grade as a pro-ball player upon receiving his degree in Business Administration—that is, if Uncle Sam does not beckon too soon.

### Amos Dixon

A second year man at Whitin, Amos now enters his senior year at M.I.T. where he is taking up a chemical engineering course. Amos was our number one relief pitcher last year and from all appearances it will be his chore this year.

### John Doldoorian

Born April 26, 1930, in Whitinsville, Mass. He starred in three sports while at Northbridge High—basketball, baseball and football. He graduated from Northbridge High in 1949. John is a member of the Class of '54 at the American International College where he is majoring in Liberal Arts. Johnny, as the townspeople know, is a hustler and a good worker. With these assets to his credit, though, yet, an unfinished receiver, this boy may well be a star in his own right someday.

### Bill Wilson

Born October 25, 1929, in Easton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from high school in Easton where he played basketball and baseball. He is a member of the Class of '52 at Amherst College where he is majoring in chemistry and research. Bill, too, would like a whack at pro-ball. The only left-hander on our club, this boy has shown good poise and has the equipment to make a good pitcher.

### Hal Reilly

Born June 1, 1932, in Brooklyn, New York. He attended St. Peter's High School in Staten Island, where he played basketball and baseball. Hal is a member of the Class of '54 at Notre Dame University where he is taking a "pre-med" course. Slow to start, Hal has come a long way in the past two months. Although he is in a position where good men have gone before this boy, with continued improvement he could be one of the best third basemen we have had.

### Gene Gore

Born May 29, 1930 in Sanford, Florida. He graduated from Oviedo High School in 1949 where he played basketball and baseball. Gene is majoring in agricultural engineering at the University of Florida where he is a member of the Class of '52. Gene is a good glove man and a strong hitter. He is a good prospect for pro-ball at which he would like to take a chance.

### Doc Ayers

Born November 29, 1930, in Pellettown, New Jersey. He graduated from Sussex High School in Sussex, New Jersey, where he played three sports: soccer, basketball and baseball. He was All-State in baseball during the seasons of '46, '47 and '48. Doc is a member of the Class of '52 at Seton Hall, where he is majoring in physical education. Doc was married to his high-school sweetheart, Barbara Jean Smith, in March of this year. He is looking forward to a career in pro-baseball and from the ability he has shown, this boy could well make the grade.

### Al Hackett

Born June 22, 1931, in Milo, Maine. Al graduated from Milo High School where he played basketball and baseball. He was an All-State basketball player in '49. He is a member of the Class of '53 at the University of Maine where he is majoring in English. Al would appear at this point to be one of our better hitters, and a good glove man.

### Artie Ratner

Born July 1, 1932, in Herkimer, New York He graduated from William Howard Taft High School in New York City where he played basketball and baseball. He is majoring in physical education and is a member of the Class of '54 at Ithaca College. Artie is an all-around ball player inasmuch as he is familiar with both infield and outfield positions. Not a long-ball hitter, but, nonetheless, he is a consistent hitter.

### Dave Sisler

Born October 16, 1931, in St. Louis, Missouri. Dave graduated from John Burroughs High School in 1949 where he excelled in four sports: football, basketball, baseball and track. He was All-State basketball player in '49. Dave is a member of the Class of '53 at Princeton University where he is studying basic engineering. Dave is a baseball brat, son of an illustrious father, George Harold Sisler, who, for 15 years, was a standout first baseman for the St. Louis Browns. Another son, Dick Sisler, has been playing pro-ball for the past six years with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Phils. Dave appears to be further advanced in his pitching at this point than Tom Casagrande was when he first appeared in Whitinsville.

*Apprentices, Department 434. Front row, from the left: Jerome Rodman, Harmon Miedema, Andrew Vierstra, Henry Krawczyk and Luke Lomartire. Back row: Joseph Zanchette, Robert Shaw, Richard Lachapelle, Onesime Jacques, George McCann, Arthur Bokoski, John Stanovich and Morgan Kelliher*

# Eight Teams in Industrial Softball League Fight for Crown

By Harold Case

This is, I hope, the next to the last column on softball for this year. There are so many teams that it is impossible to keep abreast of every team without checking the scoreboard in the Gym lobby. Which reminds me, there are probably a lot of players who do not know of the existence of this bulletin board. It is kept up to date right to the exact day so if anyone wants to check on their chance of making the playoffs, drop in the Gym anytime and see how your club stacks up.

I have some figures which might prove interesting to you. Excepting the playoffs, 262 games are scheduled to be played between April 30 and August 6. One hundred and eighty-one of those games have been played with the Whitin Machine Works Industrial League leading with 95 games played and the Rec League runner-up with 34 played. Twenty games have been postponed for one reason or another, mostly due to rainy weather. Only two games have to be replayed because of ties. This leaves but 59 games to go and once again the Whitin Machine Works League is the leader with 36 to go.

The number of games needed to finally determine the championship teams is anyone's guess. There will be eight teams in the Industrial League fighting for the crown. All the leagues will run play-offs using the Shaughnessy System except the Girls' League.

If all the trophies to be awarded were grouped together it would look like the display window of a sporting goods store. There will be a total of 12 awards made to winning

*Cast Iron Room, Department 405. Front row, from the left: Jerry Moussette, Gerard Peloquin and Frank Maynard. Back row: Robert Johnson, Norman Benoit, Thomas Dwyer, Henry Jacques and Joseph Scott*

*Production, Department 465. Front row, from the left: Tad Wallace, Dominic Coporale, George Vincent, inset, "Chipper" Devlin, mascot, James Davidson, Jr. and Charles Devlin, Mgr. Back row: Ernest Hippert, Joseph Mercak, John Mercak, Joseph Susienka, Adrian Donatelli and Gordon McGuinness. Absent were John Ratcliffe, Chester Pieleski, Paul Ullstrom and Thomas Cawley*

teams. The schedule winners in the Whitin Machine Works, Rec and Pops' League will receive trophies as well as the winners and runners-up, in the play-offs. The Church League will award a trophy to the winning team in the final play-offs and the Girls' League, which, as I said before, will not run play-offs, will award trophies to the schedule winners and runners-up.

The Whitin Machine Works is donating the trophies for the Industrial League and the Girls' League. The Town Recreation Commission is donating the trophies for the Rec and Pops' League and the Church League is being given a trophy through the courtesy of Mac-Ben's Sporting Goods Company, Worcester.

It is quite possible that some players could have a hand in winning several awards. Fred's Restaurant has definitely won the Rec League schedule cup and the Gym has retired the Pops' League award. The Der S Debs and Curries' Cuties are leading the Girls' League at the present time. With the number of games lost by Duggans' Dolls and Dots-N-Dashes there is no possibility of their ending up in the winners' circle. Due to a makeup game there is, however, a possibility that the Linwood Rollers may end up in the top spot.

The Whitin Machine Works League is really boiling and there is a chance for one of three teams to get first spot in the schedule standings. In order to do this there would have to be a tie played off as Department 448 has lost but one game and 494 and 465 are breathing down 448's neck with only two losses. Another week will tell the story. The first eight teams are very closely bunched and right now it looks like it is going to be some problem determining who is going to play whom. All the leagues will be settled before this issue comes out but possibly I can persuade the editors to list the final standings in a small space the next time around.

It has been a fine program for a great many people and as I said some time ago, when the season first started, that if the enthusiasm held up and the players showed up regardless of how their respective teams were making out, I believed that next year would find an even larger turnout. What has happened this year foretells that next year will be bigger and better than ever.

*Spinning Small Parts, Department 429. Front row, from the left: Junior Boucher, Beano Boulanger, Donald Simmons and Joseph Poxon. Back row: James Buckley, Mitch Baroud, Lefty Deshaies Maurice Morin, Maurice Deshaies and William Brouwer*

# Whitin Well Represented at International Textile Show

TEXTILE machines built by the employees of the Whitin Machine Works were recently on review many thousands of miles away from Whitinsville. The occasion was the International Textile Exhibition held in Lille, France, Europe's textile center, from April 28 to May 20, 1951.

In responding to the invitation to participate along with other American textile firms, Whitin had the opportunity to display machinery designed for the mass production high quality American market to the gathering of textile executives from American, South American, European, South African and Asiatic countries. Whitin machinery was displayed along with textile machinery of the other leading manufacturers. We exhibited and ran four of the latest models of our machines: the Model J Comber, the Model E Wool Spinning Frame, the Superdraft Roving Frame and the F-2 Spinning Frame. Of the four machines, our Model J Comber was "the hit of the show," to quote the July issue of *Textile World*, and, to quote further: "As one Frenchman put it: 'You see la ma-chine Whi-tain?'"

The Exhibition was held in a large pavilion in the beautiful city of Lille in a 35-acre landscaped park. Nine modernistic buildings housed the machinery, fabric, design, fashion and other displays.

The American exhibitors were given space in a large high-ceilinged building in company with the displays of the German, Japanese, Czechoslovakian, Swedish and Swiss manufacturers.

Although France was having much colder weather than usual for the springtime, Whitin machinery ran perfectly from the opening of the show until its close 23 days later.

Among the features of the Model E Spinning Frame which attracted much attention were the well-designed twister head and the extreme simplicity of the head-end gearing arrangement, since European textile machinery in general is more complicated and has far larger number of parts.

*Above: Whitin Machinery Booth at the Exposition Textile Internationale, Lille, France. Below: The Central Mall at the Lille Exhibition*

Visitors were impressed with the quality of yarn made and were interested in comparing the graphs, made independently in a French mill, of yarns made on the Whitin American System and graphs of yarn made on other systems. The Whitin representatives in attendance during the show were M. Andre Manuel of Paris, France, Whitin general agent for Europe; Messrs. Charles and John Verschuuren of Verschuuren-Goette, Tilburg, Holland, Whitin agent for Woolen Machinery in Holland; and Mr. Eugene M. Kennedy, Whitin assistant export sales manager. Mr. E. Kent Swift, President J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. Jeremiah J. Foley, export sales manager. E. Kent Swift, Jr., and J. Hugh Bolton, Jr., all visited the Exhibition for several days.

The Whitin Machine Works was pleased to have the opportunity to participate in an international textile exhibition of this magnitude and concurs with the sponsors of the Exposition Textile Internationale in the hope that the Exhibition will forward the worthy purpose of improving prosperity and progress among all nations.

# Have Fun on your Vacation

THERE'S nothing like the "Good Old Summertime" for honest-to-goodness living, relaxing, and enjoying the great out-of-doors. The grass is green, the breeze is gentle, and the sun is nice and hot. Yes, vacation time is here again and we all want to make the most of it. Along with its pleasures, however, the summer vacation period may bring dangers, which if we are unprepared, may be injurious to our health and well-being.

When you and your family "take off" for the much-needed holiday, remember that a vacation is a time for rest and relaxation; an opportunity to take it easy and enjoy a change of interest and scenery. Although a "moderate" amount of exercise and excitement is both relaxing and enjoyable, there is usually a tendency to "overdo it." Relax—don't crowd a year's exercise into two weeks, especially if you don't do too much physical labor the whole year through.

Whether it's the beach, the mountains, or just "roamin'," in all probability you will sit out under the sun. Ordinarily, the sun is man's greatest friend. However, if you are not careful it can turn on you. Don't try to get all tanned on the first day. If you do, you will probably end up spending the rest of your vacation in bed—all blistered up and mighty uncomfortable. Expose your body to the sun slowly. Remember the rays of the sun are always stronger than they seem, so be cautious especially between the hours ten to three. Don't become careless on hazy days either. You can get a bad burn even when the sky is overcast. Look out for reflected glare from water or sand. One important thing you should remember about sunburn: The full effect will not be felt until four or five hours after it is sustained; so, in order to avoid a severe burn, leave the sun before the skin turns pink or discomfort begins. Use a suntan preparation to help you get a protective tan without burning. These preparations give only partial protection—moderation is still the "byword." Know your own skin. If you are fair, you will burn quicker than people who are brunettes.

If you have a mild case of sunburn, with reddened skin, use a dusting powder containing equal parts of zinc oxide, boric acid and talcum. Should you get a severe sunburn, call a doctor, as this type of burn can be very serious and you may need the best of care.

Vacation time may also find you thinking about a nice cool swim. While relaxing at the lake or on the beach, let's not forget that it pays to do your swimming safely. Learn to swim properly. The mastery of a simple stroke contributes to much pleasure, as well as safety. Always have someone along when you go swimming. If you swim alone and run into difficulty, there may be no one near to help. If you tire easily, stay in shallow water, and come out of the water when you feel tired or start to shiver.

If you go in a boat, be sure that you know how to handle it. Be satisfied with the seat you take when you start out. Changing seats in a small boat is likely to overturn it. If the boat capsizes, hang onto it until help comes. It is much safer to do that than to strike off on your own. Incidentally, stay out of the water for two hours after eating a hearty meal.

Speaking of eating, real heavy meals are hard to digest when it's hot. This does not mean that you should not eat a well-balanced diet. What you can do is cut down on the amount of food you eat at any one time. You should eat some meat, fish, or eggs every day. Take advantage of the abundance of the seasonal cheap fresh vegetables and fruits. These supply more of the essential vitamins often lacking in a winter diet. Sprinkle your food liberally with salt at each meal. Because hot weather makes you perspire freely, you will be drinking more fluids. Fruit drinks and milk are much better than soda pop.

Be sure that your summer clothes are light in weight and loose fitting to allow for the circulation of air to cool the body. White or light colored clothes are much cooler than the darker colors which absorb more of the hot rays of the sun.

Summertime will really be pleasure time if you observe simple rules of health and safety.

*If you go bathing, don't forget to use a suntan preparation. It helps to protect your skin from the ultraviolet rays of the sun*

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## FOUNDRY

*by Bob Ferry*

Bernard Friedman, metallurgist and sand tech, who came to us a year ago is now leaving us. Mr. Friedman, with a wonderful personality, made numerous friends throughout the Foundry, always had a "good morning" to say to everyone he met. He is leaving highly recommended in his field, for he has real interest and ability and we are all sure he will succeed in his career. Everyone wishes Mr. Friedman the best of luck. . . . Al Guidotti, formerly of Wage Standards, attached to the Foundry, was recently called to active duty with the United States Air Force. He has been promoted to first lieutenant and attached to Langley Field, Va. Besides flying, Al is also production manager where he has 100 men under him. Al is a veteran of World War II. He was shot down in Germany and spent ten months as a prisoner of war.

## BOX JOB

*by Bernice Taylor*

Production is booming here at 440, and this month we have added four new members to our Department. We have George Hamilton from Uxbridge, Paul Charest from Milford, Arthur Landry from Northbridge, and Allen Dykstra, who is a home-town boy. . . . Bill Murphy was out sick this past month but is now back in his corner nailing boxes for Linwood Mill. . . . I understand Red Jones who formerly worked here is now at Linwood Mill. . . . George Gauthier was given a leave of absence due to illness, but is back with us once again. . . . Now that the season for roses is past, Terry and I shall miss our morning bouquet presented to us daily by our friend, Mr. Beausoleil. They were so nice and helped to brighten the office. . . . Oh, yes, I have some news about myself this month. I am now the proud owner of a driver's license, so everybody, get out of the way! . . . Joe Grimard of Woonsocket has left us and we are sorry to see him go.

## SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

*by Harold Ingham*

Ernest Booth, the senior boss from 441, trying to break another record, recently celebrated his 46th wedding anniversary. . . . The biggest smile at 441 belongs to Kay Rutana who has a 1951 Pontiac. . . . John Riley is back from his two weeks in the Naval Reserve. Instead of a cruise, he attended school all the while. . . . New buddies for Ken Greenwood and company—Bob Rutana and Joseph Duhamel. . . . Anthony Tomasweski is still telling about the one that got away. He had a week's vacation at Friendship, Me. . . . The Tin Shop party was held in Webster this month at the Colonial Club. Some of us are still wondering when the Paint Job is going to hold its clambake. . . . Any time of the day you can hear the chap with the Texas drawl; you also hear Arthur Laferriere saying, "come on up and see my new home," or you see Babe Malkasian dreaming of school. He is Coach Smith's star center for dear old Northbridge. He is entering the senior class this fall. . . . The Paint Job extends a hearty welcome to all its newcomers including Vladislaw Korolkevich, a displaced person from Europe. He has been in this country for only a few weeks and thinks that this is the nearest thing to heaven. We are certainly glad to have him with us.

*When Bernard Friedman, metallurgist, left our employ last month, Ida Flinton, on behalf of the employees of the Foundry, presented him with a wallet. Also shown in the photograph are Louis Levigne, Frank Shugrue, Armand Roberts, William Matthew and Margaret Sweeney*

## LINWOOD DIVISION

*by Louise Sohigian*

The welcome mat is out this month for Bill Blair. . . . The birthday candles were lit for Fred Ledoux, Red Smith and Louis Hanson. . . . If there is a fish expert in the Shop, I wish he would come down here and settle the argument of whether we have kivvers or shiners in the pond. Well, regardless of their pedigree, they are well fed. . . . Hannah Frieswyk owns a beautiful cottage in Douglas and invited Department 451 on a weenie roast. We all had a wonderful time and would like to take this opportunity to thank her. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Albert Cupka who recently underwent an operation. . . . A sight I never expected to see—Yankee fans from the Shop wearing Red Sox visors to keep the sun from their eyes at the Yankees-Red Sox game. . . . Evelyn Ashton has joined the parade of car owners.

## GEAR JOB

*by Agnes Spratt*

The annual Gear Job fishing trip was held June 23, bright and early. Of course we have "the big fish that got away" story. It is too bad that Sydney Visbeck had to lose control of that 40-pound striped bass. Other than that, the boys all got their share of the fish. . . . Five Yankees fans and five Red Sox fans from the Job decided to go to the Yankees-Red Sox game at the Yankee Stadium on June 30, each with the thought that his team would win. The Red Sox fans were awed by the huge stadium, but came away with the same feeling as they do upon leaving Fenway Park after these two teams have played—"We'll take the Yankees anytime." While the Sox fans were rejoicing, the Yankees fans left in a cloud of gloom, each blaming himself for being a jinx. It so happens that it was the only game lost to the Red Sox at the Stadium this year. The Yankees fans can't understand why they had to witness it. Anyway, another trip is planned for next year.

*Vacations:* Alphonse Marceau and Leo Laverdiere took a trip to Canada the week of July 4. . . . Roland Dion spent an exciting week at Treasure Valley in Paxton with a group of Boy Scouts. Roland is a Scoutmaster. . . . Aime Brochu and Jack Ratcliffe spent a good week at the Allen A. Ranch at Wolfeboro, N. H. They took in a hayride, boatride, music festival, dancing, softball games and swimming. . . . George Holt spent a relaxing week driving to the Catskill Mountains, where he, his wife and family stayed for a few days.

*Ready to cast off are members of the Gear Job who, each year, spend a day deep-sea fishing at Plymouth*

## SPINNING AND TWISTING SMALL PARTS

*by James Buckley*

*Softball Notes:* At this writing Department 429 is in fifth place with 9 wins and 4 defeats in the Shop Softball League. We have three more games, and with our ace pitchers we expect to win the three remaining games. Don Simmons, our all-around player, is leading the team for batting honors. He is hitting a lusty .607. Joe Poxon has been recalled from our Class C farm team and now has a 2 and 2 record. He has started the last seven ball games and has only finished one. But with Lefty Boulanger and Big Mo Deshaies available in the bull pen we were able to salvage all but two of these games. Bill Brouwer has been signed up after being a holdout since the season began. Mitch Baroub is finally starting to hit the ball after going three for 37. Jerry Levitre is batting .500 and no wonder—he has been to bat only ten times and has five hits. He hasn't played since the fourth game, because of a bad ankle.

*Bowling Notes:* With softball nearly over, the talk is beginning to change to bowling. Department 429 expects to put a team in the Shop Bowling League again this year and we feel that we will make a much better showing than last year. (The cellar is so cold!) We also expect to start a Job Bowling League as we did two years ago with four teams competing. So, anyone from this Job who is interested, please contact Bob Pouliot.

Around the Job: Harry Magowan is sporting a 1949 Ford. . . . Phyllis Maker is still rooting for her Braves. . . . Don Simmons spent the last two weeks in July with his Army Reserve Company on maneuvers at Pine Camp, N. Y. . . . Dot Hanley vacationed in the White Mountains. . . . The new elevator which will serve 429 is nearing completion, and with a new tool crib to be erected and a new office to be built, we sure will have the new look. . . . We are looking forward to welcoming back Arthur Bedard who has been on the sick list. . . . The softball team of 429 wishes to thank the Whitin Machine Works for all it has done in making the Shop League a success in its first year and also to Mike Marker who has done a wonderful job for us. We all hope to be back next year.

## CORE ROOM

*by Francis Shugrue*

Omer Parent has joined the inactive list in the Core Room. He fractured his collarbone while playing softball. . . . Pete Malo, with an injured leg and Jack Tognazzi, nursing a sore arm, are also on the sick list. . . . Ronny Emery passed out cigars this month. At the present time, he is also leading the bass derby held each year by its sponsor, Joslin's Sporting Goods Store. Ronny caught a 4½-pound bass and had to wait a full day to have it weighed. Consequently, the fish lost a half pound. . . . Week-end fishermen who visit the Cape are Edgar Parent and Amede Leduc. Dan Lajoie is a great horn pout fisherman to hear him tell us, but he hasn't caught one over seven inches long yet.

Marinus Bosma tells quite a story of an experience he had when he first came to this country. He was working in Riverdale and living in the red brick school section. He decided to take a shortcut home one night, after work, over Northbridge hill, down by Shaw's corner, and down to Meadow Pond and home. He got lost and wandered around till two a.m. before one of his friends found him with the aid of a lantern. At that time, he could not speak enough English to ask his way home!

## PURCHASE-INSPECTION, DRILLING AND JOBBING DEPARTMENTS

*by Frances Kenney*

The welcome mat is out for Viola Blaine, Frank Lanoway, Harmon Miedema, apprentice from 416, Sidney Visbeck, timekeeper from 420, and Ann Bilodeau. . . . Cyril Norton from Department 489 has left us on a two months' leave to be spent at Martha's Vineyard. He will return in September. . . . Smitty, the inspector on 489 who joined the Army Air Corps, would like to be remembered to everyone. He will be glad to hear from you. His address is Pfc. Irwin T. Smith, 11225866, 3345 School Sqdn. c/o N.A.I. 1515 E. Broadway, Hawthorne, Calif. . . . The birthday of the month is Gertrude Dennett's.

*A few members of the Gear Job pose for a picture after attending the Yankee–Red Sox game in New York. Top, front row: Alfred Matte, Leo Laverdiere. Standing: Gerard Larochelle, James Spratt, Aime Brochu. Bottom, front row: Roland Lambert, Bernard Howard. Standing: Francis Perry, Bernard Skillius, Rene Taucrell*

*George Harabedian is a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Armenian Youth Federation*

*Henry Rascoe has been with the Company since 1917. He is a fitter on wool and worsted spinning frames*

*Benjamin Trajanowski was awarded his 30-year pin in July. Ben came to this country in 1913. He has six children*

## TOOL JOB

*by George Jones*

On Saturday, June 30, at a national convention in Boston, George Harabedian was elected to the Central Executive Committee of the Armenian Youth Federation. This committee is the governing body of the organization and consists of seven members. The A.Y.F. has chapters all over the U.S.A. and Canada. George has been educational director of the Whitinsville Chapter for the past year and also served two terms as president of the local chapter. The Youth Federation operates on an educational point system and the chapter with the most points for the year receives a trophy. The local chapter has rated second for the past two years with 60 chapters competing.

One morning not long ago John Calman (the tool grinder with all the pep) got up at 5:30 a.m., lit the stove and put on the coffee pot. He didn't have to be at work until seven so he snoozed a bit while waiting for the coffee. He fell asleep and woke up about 8:30 a.m. only to find the coffee pot completely burned to a crisp. . . . Walter (Mike) Pawlowski and Alphonse Bergeron go salmon fishing at Lake Sebago, Me., quite often and as a rule have very good luck. They at least bring home pictures of salmon. One week end Mike proved to Al that he would rather fish than eat by keeping Al out all day without any lunch. The next day Al brought along a knapsack with enough lunch for a small army, but that day Mike quit at noontime and refused to help Al eat the lunch. Al and Mike are both jig and fixture men on the night shift.

The Tool Job's ace fireman, Phil Skillen, was the first man to get to the fire station one morning at 2:30, a feat he doesn't expect to execute again. The reason: he was walking the floor with the new baby when the fire alarm sounded. . . . One Sunday in June, Bill O'Connell, the repair man for the Cleveland Automatics, took off from Providence Airport for Charlotte, N. C. with George Hoekstra of Department 418. They had eight stops on the way down and the temperature was 110 degrees in the shade when they landed. This stay only lasted two weeks but they were both glad to get back North. Bill says that he doesn't care to go again until cool weather.

We have two new men in the Cutter Grinding Room. John Stanovitch is an apprentice with some experience on six other jobs in the Shop. John plays softball for the apprentice team and until recently played baseball for a team in Woonsocket. . . . William (Hopalong Cassidy) Boyd is learning how the different cutter grinding machines operate. After a month in the grinding room, Bill will go up with George Fullerton on Tool Control to try to put into practice what he has learned after three years at Brown University and three years in the Methods Department. . . . At this writing, Al Morin, John Gauthier, Gene Lussier, Jim McQuigan and Hertson Heerdt of the Tool Job, and Ken Stanley, formerly of the Tool Job, but now with the Research Division, have tickets for Johnny Peskey Night and are looking forward to a big night.

Another chapter is added to the Tool Job Softball Diary: Fran Mack, Ray Jorritsma, and Mike Petrowicz hit consecutive home runs as Department 454 topped 420 at Plummers by a score of 11 to 6. Crib 5 was the next victim, going down to the tune of 27 to 10. The victory was very costly because we lost Rudy Gniadek who broke a bone in his foot. The last game to date was with the Production Department and the Tool Job took the short end of a 16 to 11 score. The team now stands with 7 wins and 4 losses, with a good chance of getting into the play-offs.

## BLACKSMITH SHOP AND ANNEALING ROOM

*by Claire Lapierre*

Benjamin "Ben" Trojanowski received his 30-year pin last month and we offer our congratulations. Ben came to this country from Poland in 1913. He worked in the Foundry 22 years and for the past eight years he has been a carburizing furnace attender in the Annealing Room, on the night shift. He is the proud father of six children. A son, Arthur, works on the Tool Job. Ben enjoys fishing very much.

The members of Department 408 welcome two newcomers: Anita Parker, who has replaced Barbara Allen, who is on leave of absence, and Ray Valenti, our new inspector. Camille Peloquin, the former inspector, has been transferred to Hartford. . . . We are happy to welcome back Verne "Chief" Tracy who has been a patient at St. Vincent Hospital. . . . Best wishes to Robert "Bob" Magill who retired on July 13, after 58 years' service. He was presented a purse by his fellow employees. . . . Vacation time is here and some of our department workers have taken advantage of it. Adrian Donatelli, planner at 409, and his wife, travelled to Washington, D. C. . . . Henry Berube and family visited the White Mountains. . . . Romeo Tellier spent an enjoyable week at Wakefield, R. I. . . . Armand Larochelle and wife visited in Canada. . . . Francis Veau enjoyed his vacation week by taking his family on day trips, and visiting a few of the surrounding beaches.

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

Henry Rascoe was born in Canada and came here as a young boy. He attended local schools and came to the Whitin Machine Works in 1917. He first worked on Model A-B-C-D Woolen Frames. He has been with the frames since he came here and now works on Model E frames. He lives on Main Street in Linwood. His hobbies are fishing and sports, of which he is an ardent spectator.

Ernest Pickup received his 20-year pin from Mr. Cunningham recently. He was born in Lancashire, England, and his first job was with a railway in that country. He came to the United States in 1911 and after working in a shoe factory, moved to Attleboro where he was employed by the Interstate

Railway. In later years he accepted a position with the Fales and Jenks Machine Works and was employed by them for 12 years until the Whitin Machine Works purchased the corporation. He now resides with Mrs. Pickup in Plummer Park where he has built a new home.

I hope that everyone will give me their vacation news and pictures. You can assist by giving the information to Mrs. Cameron. . . . Richard Mombourquette is doing his own shoe cobbling now. . . . Bill Smith, one of our roadmen, has been in for a few weeks. . . . The group at the cart in front of the Shop sends me this information. Harold Ingham's beagle pup is so well trained, it comes down to the cart, puts its forepaws on the truck to see how busy Bill Mellor is, then hops around the other side, jumps on the seat and selects its own pie. Bill is just waiting to let the other bill get high enough to make it worth while collecting. . . . Bob Williams, Roy Krumbholtz, Bill Crossland and Chet Greenwood are back to work after short illnesses. . . . Ken Proctor, Eddie Wallace and George Blair are ready to serve their term of training at Pine Camp, N. Y. . . . *Garden Note:* Wonder why Norman White, Jim Marshall, Fred Dexter, Cecil Small and others worked until dark one night. I found out that inspection was the next day and all got good scores. However, as one fellow said, these green-thumbs could have inspection every day and still rate a high score. I wish all a happy vacation, without sunburn.

### CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

*by Rusty Malkasian*

LeRoy Gillette, ex-planner at 417, was a welcome visitor here having arrived from Palo Alto, Calif. Roy attends Stanford University out there and says he really enjoys life on the West Coast. . . . Francis Snay is back after his honeymoon. . . . Bill Donahue has discontinued eating his peaches in the morning, which is a good sign. When Bill has those old peaches (in the jar) out in the morning, that means something is brewing. Bill's wife is in Milford Hospital at present and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Cecil Small (our crib man) went to Canada for his week's vacation. He visited Montreal and Quebec. Cecil tells us that Montreal is too modern; he liked Quebec much better. It had the quaint touch of old-fashioned surroundings. . . . Leroy Clark just sits in the shade of his garden these nights smoking the old corncob and watching his watermelons grow. That's okay, but do we get to taste that prize watermelon, Roy?

Glad to hear that Lem Hinchcliffe's wife is home after her two weeks' stay in the hospital. . . . Steve Lipka is the latest addition to the 418's crew. . . . Roland Ernest of 418 has his jalopy in tip-top shape now and plans to enter the races at Lonsdale. . . . Latest addition to the Drivers' Club is Marion Larson, the little blonde inspector, who not only purchased a car recently but received her driver's license as well. . . . Phil Larson presented Ed Harpin with a traveling table truck and with the help of some of the men, the truck has been stripped and converted. . . . Dot Antoian took her annual vacation at Old Orchard Beach, Me. Dot had a real nice time and sure has a nifty tan.

*Spinning frames*

*Revolving Flat Cards*

*Drawing machines*

*Roving machine*

## War Catches Up with Textile Plants in Korea

". . . These pictures were taken of a huge textile plant situated in Taejon, Korea. What you see, is the remnants of a once modern plant now utterly destroyed. The machines, especially the spinning frames, are outmoded and aged, Japanese in origin."—This is an excerpt from a letter which Mr. E. Kent Swift received from Sgt. Michael P. Johnson, stationed in Korea. Sergeant Johnson, who took the pictures appearing on this page, further commented on the shortage of modern textile machinery in the Orient. From Sergeant Johnson's observations it seems that Japan has, in the past, manufactured most of the prefabricated metal machines for the Orient. The pictures shown expose the devastating effects of violence resulting in retarding the country's recovery.

Sergeant Johnson's home is in Whitinsville. His father, Peter Johnson, has been a Whitin employee for more than 40 years and is with the Main Stock Room.

### MILLING JOB

*by Marie Ebbeling*

The other day Stella Kurowski called the fire department to rescue her kitten who was in a tree. Our fire department does not give that kind of service but kindly sent a tree climber out to rescue the kitten. A few days later, kitty again broke the law but two gentlemen, who were passing by, were asked by Stella to rescue the kitten and one obliged. Stella did not know at the time that these gentlemen were two of our roadmen.

We extend our congratulations to William Forsythe who has completed 50 years of service with the Company. We are sure, by looking at Bill, that he is capable of doing quite a few more years. He has been with us on the Milling Job for 45 years. . . . We congratulate the following employees on their birthdays and hope they will have many more: Louis Chabot, Henri Leduc, Ruth Conlee, Leo Lemelin, Thomas Drew, Marie Ebbeling, Harry Ludvigson, Everett Fessenden, George McKee, Alvert Topjian, Anne Hoogendyk, Frederick Haley, August Vander Brug, Farabed Harabedian, Albert Parent, Clifford Mason, Francis Bigbie, Adrienne Roy, Edgar McDonald, Aime Rainville, Albert Desjardin, Joseph Beaudoin and Arthur Le Claire. . . . Rose Gigarjian now ranks with the expert drivers. She recently got her license and a car. I understand she is taking the girls to Hampton Beach the last week of August. Good going, Rosie!

### YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

Archie Bolivar of the Garage has been with Whitin for 35 years. He was with the ice

*One evening, not too long ago, the Fletcher Rizers added three additional members to their family. They rescued three small robins who had fallen out of their nest and had been deserted by a frightened mother. Mrs. Rizer prepared a bed for them near the heater in the cellar and every hour, she fed the little ones milk from an eye dropper. The birds remained with the Rizers for five days. Mr. Hans Tyler took this picture of Mrs. Rizer feeding the robins*

truck for 29 years, from the time it was put into use until the time it was no longer operated. At the present time he is driving a beach wagon which travels to and from the mill to the warehouses. Archie's hobby is flowers—his specialty, roses. . . . Arthur White is back from a week's vacation at Hyannis. . . . Doe Pellerin recently returned from a 2,000-mile trip in Canada. . . . Charlie Brule is out on sick leave and won't be back for a while. We certainly look forward to his return. . . . Other members who have vacationed are Erle Simmons who went down Newport way; Walt Shugrue who took off for Narragansett; Phil Manseau and Paul Chapdelaine who haven't given full reports as yet.

## PICKER SMALL PARTS, PICKER ERECTING, AND DRAWING DEPARTMENT

*by Syd Miedema*

Albert Leduc paid a surprise visit to his brother and sister at Granby, Montreal, Canada. . . . Ben Varney enjoyed a week's vacation fishing and digging clams at Boothbay Harbor, Me. Ben usually spends his week ends at Buzzard's Bay enjoying his favorite sport. . . . We welcome two new men at Department 421: Robert Cotnoir, machine apprentice, and Allen Baldwin, inspector.

Our assistant foreman, Aime Couture, and family enjoyed a week touring through Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, visiting historical landmarks and many mountain resorts. . . . Esten Hill, assistant foreman, enjoyed a week touring through the White Mountains, along the St. Lawrence River and included Montreal and the Thousand Isles Bridge. . . . Congratulations to Eva Jones, inspector at Department 446, and husband Edward of Department 424, who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary at a party at their summer cottage, Point Judith, R. I. They have two daughters and three sons who were present.

John VanderBaan, Sr., a 50-year man, was gladdened with the news from his granddaughter, Mrs. Joanne DeYoung, announcing the birth of a boy. He now is grandpop to 18 children. . . . A star Northbridge High athlete, Jim Davidson, is with Inspection for the summer, and we are sure he will like working in the department. . . . Arsene and Mrs. Racicot enjoyed an entire day, June 22, celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both.

## AUTOMATIC SCREW JOB

*by Connie Campo*

We would like to welcome Philip Mateer, Edward Plante, Joseph Morin, William Peters and Lois Blakely to our day shift and Leonard Beaujean to our night shift. . . . We would also like to welcome back Lawrence Kane and Chester McQuilken. "Lolly" has been out on sick leave for three months and Chet has just been discharged from the Navy. It is nice to see you fellows again. . . . On sick leave this month are Harry Remillard, Atwood Bailey, and Gideon Lauzon. We hope to have them back with us soon. . . . We hear that Susan Susienka is faithfully counting her calories. She would like to lose enough weight to get into her grandmother's wedding dress. Good luck, Susie. . . . Paul Kingston went to Ireland on a three months' leave of absence. When Paul returned, he retired. He has been in the Shop since May, 1918. We will all miss Paul. . . . Mike Celozzi of Milford Hoboken fame is about ready to move into his new home.

We missed Charlie Randall on the Job. He spent the week with the Boy Scouts at Treasure Valley. Charlie is a Scoutmaster. . . . Matthew Quigley, who formerly worked in Department 411, is now appearing in a play at the Red Barn Theatre in Westboro. . . . Birthdays were celebrated this month by William Magill Leon Attridge and William Mayberry. . . . We had a few wedding anniversaries this month, too. Aime Dion celebrated his eleventh wedding anniversary, Ernest Porter his tenth, and William Mayberry his fifth.

It is heard that Norman Lightbown had an awful lot of weight to drag around in a recent golf match. Peanuts Johnson was his partner. They lost the match to Leon Attridge and Russell Whiting. . . . Emmett Martin has just bought a new home on Sutton Street in Northbridge and Dave Gray is building a new home in North Uxbridge. . . . Dick Conlee is now the proud owner of a new Oldsmobile. . . . We hear that Leon Pratt is having trouble with bees. Evidently, they would rather live in his house and Leon would rather have them outside.

## CAST IRON ROOM

*by Jerry Moussette*

The star of this column for this month is the 405 Softball Team. In its first year as a team, it can be said that they have tried. At this writing, the team has already lost its chances to enter the playoffs but playoffs or not, all concerned with the team had a lot of fun plus a few aches here and there. Winning 4 out of 13 but losing some heartbreakers, the boys look forward to being a big threat next year.

Lost to the Army is Benny Harris. His home is in Woonsocket. . . . Additions in the past month are Theodore Chaplin who is working in the Bottle Room, and two apprentice molders, Chuck Lachapelle and George Aspinwall. Theodore is from Woonsocket and prior to his coming here he worked for a construction company at Quonset Point, R. I. Chuck came to us from 452 where he was a spray painter on the afternoon shift, and George came to us from 447 where he was a fitter. . . . Happy birthday to Nellie Cota, George Grey, Edward Jake and Richard Lachapelle. Happy wedding anniversary to Cyril and Mrs. Griffith. They have a little daughter. Cyril is the young fellow that inspects on the end of the conveyor.

Back with us again after a two months' battle with pneumonia is Albene Michaud who lives in Manville, R. I. . . . Foreman John Hickey spent his week's vacation motoring down to North Carolina to visit his daughter who lives there. . . . Tom Dwyer, our time clerk, better known as "Bud," spent his week limping on a twisted ankle. Better luck next time, Bud.

## STEEL FABRICATING

*by Herb Blakely*

Steve Bezak is our personality of the month. He is married to the former Betty Harding, also a former Whitin employee. They have two daughters and own their own

home in Sutton. Steve is a real all-around man, a good mechanic, welder and machinist. At present, his classification is group leader in charge of erection of bobbin-loaders. Steve spends most of his spare time working around the house. He is very fond of sports. He is also a former vice-president of the Buffoon Club.

Bob Anderson was presented with a set of ear plugs since the Swedgies moved down to his end of the Job. . . . Mac McCormack of 410 is planning to spend his vacation at Lake George. . . . From all reports John Sloane, engineer at 432, is quite a softball player and golfer. . . . Leonard Walenty of the Inspection Department has recently returned from a week's vacation at a Maine resort. . . . Word has been received that Hap Wooleir's wife has found out his deepest secret. While doing a little cleaning, she came across a bottle of hair restorer. No wonder those curls seem to be getting bigger.

James Peck was presented a purse preceding his marriage this month. . . . Kelda Monast has returned to work after a four-month leave of absence. . . . The Buffoon Club had another get-together recently and a new slate of officers was installed: Gene Glosson, president; Edward Dumais, vice-president; Robert Pope, secretary; and Richard Hommes, treasurer. . . . The biggest news on the Cutting-Off Job is that Emile Aussant and Arnie Nelson have jumped on the Red Sox bandwagon.

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

*By Fern M. Coombs*

*Personality:* Edward "Dunn" Bergeron was born in Fall River, but moved to Whitinsville as a child. He attended the local schools and later went to Worcester Boys Trade School. In 1926 he started to work in the Electrical Department. At present his work consists mostly of repairing small electrical tools such as drills, grinders, etc., and servicing motors. Dunn lives in the New Village, is married and has four children. His oldest daughter is a student nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester. One of his sisters is Edna Bergquist, an operator on the outside telephone switchboard. His hobby is sports, specially baseball. . . . We bid farewell to William Baker who has joined Uncle Sam's Air Force. . . . Fred Baker, one of our telephone repair men, is attending a telephone maintenance school in Chicago for ten weeks. . . . Jim Sheldon and Burt Robie recently bought new cars. . . . It is quite evident that the Red Sox have at least one loyal fan in the Electrical Department. If they stay in first place, Bob Blackburn ought to be able to retire on his winnings at the end of the season. But if they go into a slump, his wallet will be empty. . . . Burt Robie, Jr., recently had an article published in the "Feature Parade" of the *Worcester Sunday Telegram*. . . . Greetings to Edward Russell, our new apprentice.

## RING JOB

*By Everett A. Gaspar*

The Ring Job Benefit Club held its regular quarterly meeting in the Fire Station Assembly Room on July 10. Very little business was transacted and all of the present officers were re-elected. . . . We all wish a quick recovery to Mrs. Dorothy Stienstra who was injured in an automobile accident in Douglas early this month. At this writing she is convalescing at home. . . . Louis Laflamme and Gerard Larrochelle are on the sick list. Hurry back. . . . Bill Malley had a week off and spent it haying for the several horses that he has for his riding school. In his absence, we had Mrs. Emily Quigley taking care of our time cards. . . . It seems good to see Grace Price back with us again. . . . Bobby Miller, Mike Bedoian and Harlan Goodwin, Jr., are our high schoolers in for the summer. . . . Jacqueline Labrecque is new to our Inspection Department and Honore Lavoie came down from Vermont to work near brother Benoit on the Job, and Joseph Popalowski comes to us from the town of Webster. To you all we say, "welcome."

*Vacation Notes:* Ken McCullough enjoyed the scenery at Brant Rock; Grace Griffin travelled to Little Squam Lake, N. H.; Joe Hetherington at Jaffrey, N. H.; Marion and Beryle Doble at Lubec, Me.; Alice Travallie

## GIRL SCOUTS ENJOY OUTING

A troop of 18 Whitinsville Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Miss Frances Foley and Mrs. Belle Griffith, spent two weeks of their summer vacation in July, camping at the campfire grounds on the west shore of the Meadow Pond. This is the first time this area has been used for camping since the hurricane of 1938. The Girl Scouts are grateful to Cedric Andrews and Kenneth Anderson who provided the tents and built the necessary platforms. The troop wishes to thank the people in the Town of Northbridge who made this project possible through their generous contributions to the Northbridge agencies. Top: A few of the Girl Scouts enjoying an invigorating swim. The pontoon shown, was loaned to the group by Dr. Horan. Below: Councilors Phyllis Holmes, Jean Anderson and Cynthia Webster plan the day's activities, while scout Cathy Connors nonchalantly reads a book and Karen Bouche looks on.

At a convention of the International Council of Industrial Editors in Chicago, the WHITIN REVIEW, our trade publication, received an award for exceptional accomplishment in achievement of purpose, excellence of editorial content and effectiveness of design. There were 867 publications entered in the contest. We congratulate the WHITIN REVIEW staff: George F. McRoberts, editor; John R. Sanderson, assistant editor; and Malcolm D. Pearson, photographer. The WHITIN SPINDLE received 90 points in the contest. It missed an award by two points.

at Martha's Vineyard, and your reporter had several week ends at Dennisport on the Cape.

Ray Pickett's son added one more gray hair to Ray's crop recently when he captured a snake, killed it, and then placed it in an ideal position to meet Ray when he came home. It took a few seconds to convince Ray that it was dead.

## CARDS, SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

*by Millie Turgeon*

Our foreman, Tommy Stevenson, his family and friends, enjoyed a pleasant vacation at Eastham, Mass. . . . Our assistant foreman, Henry Beaudoin, and his wife, after a few delays caused by new-car trouble, finally toured New Hampshire, Vermont, Upper New York and Canada. . . . Rita Deome, our stock clerk, and her folks enjoyed a very nice trip to Canada, visiting relatives and places of interest. . . . George Forsythe and family have a trailer down at Point Judith and spend most of their spare time in the salt water and sunshine. . . . Jennie Saunders, our time clerk, spent her vacation at a cottage at Silver Lake in Rhode Island. . . . We have a few new people on the Job. We are glad to say, "Welcome back" to John Cardone, who used to work with us until two years ago. . . . John Larson is starting on his first job as an apprentice with us. Before starting his apprenticeship he worked in the Master List Department. He is learning Card Erecting. John likes baseball, deep-sea fishing and gardening. . . . Kendall Prior is another but more seasoned apprentice with almost a year of his time served. He is a very quiet fellow who comes to us from Department 424 and, at present, is learning all about the knitting machine. . . . Eddie Jablonski, Jr., is a newcomer to the Shop. He worked with the Bates Shoe Co. in Webster, where he lives. He is an all-around athlete. He is active in baseball, football, skating, skiing, and swimming. . . . Cliff Bouthillette, a quiet, pleasant fellow, has been our time clerk while "Jen" was out on vacation. . . . Alice Hern has left on a leave of absence.

Department 422 received a letter from our marine, Joe Lenard. He says the training is tough but thinks he will like it. Joe might like to hear from some of you so here is his address: Pvt. Joseph Lenard, 1194787 U.S.M.C., 1st Rec. Trng. Bn., Platoon 308, Co. E, Parris Island, S. C.

## SPINDLE JOB

*by Ed Bates*

*Personality:* Sakee Buma started working for the Whitin Machine Works about 39½ years ago and his present seniority run started on December 22, 1923. Sakee has worked as setup man on the Spinning Floor as well as on various other setup floors including about 20 years working on the Comber Job. Sakee's present job is boring blade holes in whorls and pressing the whor onto the blade. This work is done on the Bore-Matic machine on Department 439 He is a veteran of World War I, is marrie and has two children. His interests lie i sports.

Lendall Pendleton of this Job has purchase another Chevrolet. . . . We have had a few new men on this Job in the past month Welcome, fellows. . . . Joseph McCrea i still out sick but from what we hear, he wil be back with us before long.

Dexter Wood, who started work here i 1891 and who retired from Department 43 in January, 1946, after working here for 5 years, was in to see us this past month. W hope he will drop in again to visit his friend in the Shop.

*Sakee Buma is a veteran of World War*

*rael "Jimmy" Ovoian was once a ember of the French Foreign Legion*

*Eddie Nuttall on the left, was the man in our Mystery Photo last month. The photograph this month should be easy to identify as the individual is well known throughout the Whitin Machine Works and the community*

## OLL JOB

*Cesag Onanian*

The personality of this month is Israel "Jimmy" Ovoian, who came to this country m Armenia, Turkey, in 1912 and started work on the Roll Job in June of the same r. He started to work under Lloyd Smith d has worked under five foremen. His first was wiping out rolls. Later, he worked the three spindle lathe, the single spindle he, the drill, and is, at present, on the nder. He enlisted in the French Foreign gion in 1915 and served for five years. He me back to this country in 1920 and began rk on the Roll Job. He was married in hitinsville in 1921 and is the father of one n. His son also worked in the Shop for a ile, but at the present time he is barbering e in town. Jimmy's hobbies are gardening, ing walks and movies. He enjoys sports d is an ardent Red Sox fan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey "Kico" Departie nt the week end of June 30 in New York to see the Red Sox-Yankees games. They enjoyed themselves very much but would have been happier if the Red Sox had taken both games. . . . Our night timekeeper, Norman J. Deshaies, had a week's vacation the week of the Fourth and he spent it in Upper New York State. He visited baseball's Hall of Fame buildings in Cooperstown and had a very enjoyable time. . . . Our assistant foreman, Carl E. Carlson, and family enjoyed a very pleasant week at his summer cottage at Webster Lake. The only thing he didn't like was that it ended too quickly.

Cecil Baker, our foreman, is back to normal again now that Mrs. Baker is back after a month's visit with her brother in Washington State. He may gain back the weight he lost while she was away, resulting from his own cooking. . . . Harold Tatro and family went to Hampton Beach for the week end of July 14 and he said that they had a wonderful time. . . . Mrs. Hazel Trainor spent her week's vacation in Ogunquit, Me. and while there, she visited along the shore where the Watch Dog is formed by the rocks.

We want to congratulate Norman White who won first prize for his wonderful garden again. . . . Edward Kmoitek bought a sailboat for use on New Pond. . . . The Bowling League will be starting up again next month and, if all the fellows who claim to be expert bowlers would get in touch with me, we'll sign them up because we would like to finish on top this season.

Birthday greetings for the month to Emile Deschamps, Edward Driscoll, Popkin Kasperian, Stanley Konvent, Joseph Machota, Harold Tatro, Edward Thomas, Alphonse Meunier, Herbert C. Peck and Robert M. Packard.

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. William B. Henderson who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27 with a family party at the Colonial Club in Webster. Bill formerly worked on the Roll Job and retired in 1943. They have three sons and six grandchildren.

*ngratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wil- m B. Henderson on their 50th dding anniversary. Mr. Henderson a retired employee with 43 years of service*

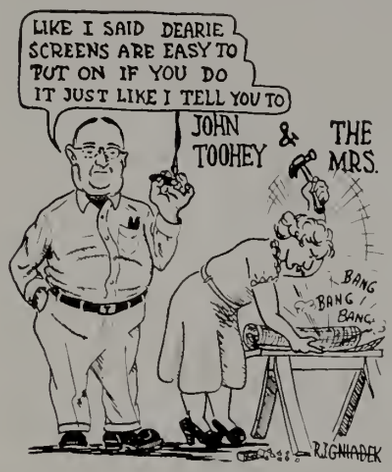
## BOLT AND PLANER JOBS

*by Ray Woodcome*

Armand Pinsonneault is a patient at Cushing Hospital, awaiting an operation. . . . Shirley Stimpson took over the duties as stock clerk in Department 412. She was formerly in the Production Office. . . . John Steele has left Department 412 as production planner and has gone into apprentice training on steel fabricating and welding. Willard Dalrymple will take over as planner and William Wysocki, formerly of Greenfield, now residing in Milford, will share the planning duties with Bill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Andre Labbe recently attended the wedding of a relative in Canada. . . . Arthur Dupras and his family are spending the week ends camping at Beaman's Pond in Gardner, Mass. Nice spot you have in the pine trees, Art. . . . Recent changes in office personnel in Department 414 include Mel Henry, replacing Earl Briggs. Earl is now in the Foundry Production Office. . . .

*Mike Palowski, Tool Job, caught this 2½-pound salmon at Sebago Lake, Me., in June*

*Mabel Newton operates the electronic hardening machine in Department 426*



*Eleanor Bosma and Nancy Wiersma are in Nurse's Training in Patterson, New Jersey. Eleanor's father, Cy Bosma, works on the Cutting-Off Job and Nancy's father, Jacob Wiersma, is with the Internal Material Transportation Department*

Heard and seen lately in our department: John Toohey using a sledge hammer—Art Dupras talking on "How to Camp"—Bob Colthart "keeping time with the music"—G. Bilodeau with a new Buick—Red White giving gardening advice to Ray Dupras.

Thomas Wallace has joined the retired list after 50 years of service. Tom also celebrated his 80th birthday the past month. . . . Service pins this month were awarded to Norman Burroughs, 30 years; John MacNally and Sousen Asadoorian for five years' service.

A large attendance from Department 414 attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Donat Roy on June 23 in Northbridge. . . . Al Erlandson recently returned to work on the second shift, after serving three months in the U. S. Army. . . . Pfc. Alcide LeClerc recently returned to Keesler Field, Miss. after spending a short furlough with his mother, Mrs. Amelia LeClerc. . . . Raymond Renaud from Department 406A left our employ to serve in the U. S. Navy. Best of luck, Ray, in your new career.

We wish to welcome the following: Ralph Gammardella, Jean Drolet, Arthur Bader and Vincent De Roche to 412. Gerard Dionne and Arthur Jackman are welcomed at Department 414. . . . Department 414 held a farewell party for Earl Briggs at the Bocce Club in Woonsocket the past month. Among the guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Baszner, Fred Harder, Freddie Siepietowski, Barbara Haines, Jackie Siepietowski, Oscar Martin, Roland St. Andre, Earl Briggs, Jennie Wojtanek, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lavallee, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Woodcome, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Thiebault, Joe Pamula, Eddie Ahlstrom, Amelia LeClerc, John Toohey and Edward Valk.

John Toohey was recently seen by his good neighbors teaching his wife the art of making screens. We have come to the conclusion that she should now show John how it is done. They say that sort of exercise is good for the figure.

## GRINDER JOB

*by Virginia Burke*

Vacations are the popular pastime of the department this month. Edward Ryan and family spent the Fourth of July week in Washington, D. C. attending the wedding of his son and touring the city; Frank Mancini at Pine Tree, Me. with the National Guard; Mabel Newton spent a week end at Old Orchard; Priscilla McConnell spent time at the beaches in Rhode Island; Al Buma drove to New Hampshire in the early morning hours for a week end. . . . Victor Fagnant, inspector for the past three years, has taken over the parts and process job; Jim Connors is back with the grinders; Ronald Deschene from Department 439 has joined our inspection crew. . . . Ray Fitton is sporting a new two-tone Mercury.

Red Sox fans are feeling more cheerful these past few weeks. One of their strong supporters, Jeannette Sisoian, and her son Aram, often travel to Boston to see the game or stay up all hours listening for the outcome of the night game. . . . An inspiring sight in the morning hours—the three generation of the Todd family walking to work. Henry Todd, Comber floor; Bill, at 426; Nancy, newcomer, at 485. . . . Our nightmen or nighthawks, congratulate the following men who recently celebrated birthdays: Stan Krylowicz and Al Morin. . . . The fellows also wish to welcome the following newcomers to the Job: Tom DiCandia, Jim Sheehan, Ed Naroian, Rudy Vachon, and Dan Larochelle who will help Ray Fontaine.

Get-well wishes are sent to Jim Christopher who entered Chelsea Hospital. . . . Personality-of-the-Month is Mabel Newton. Mabel, who has lived in town on East Street for the past 23 years, started to work in the Shop, November, 1936, as an inspector on the Spindle Job. During the war she transferred to Department 426, learning the various machines, straightening, milling, lathe work etc. At present, Mabel runs the electronic hardening machine and finds it very interesting. She has a son, Harry, who served with the Coast Guard during the last war. He is now married and works in Hopedale. Her brother, Harold, is a supervisor in the Stock Room and her father works in the crib on the Gear Job. Her favorite pastimes are fishing, midget car racing and the beach.

## WORKS ACCOUNTING DIVISION

*by Oscar Erickson*

*Cost Department:* Can you imagine anyone winning a steak dinner and not showing up to eat it, especially when everyone is buying steaks on the installment plan! This happened to Ray Colby. He won a steak dinner at the N.A.C.A. meeting as an attendance prize. . . . Cleveland Reynolds and his wife, Pauline, spent a week at Dennis on the Cape as guests of her parents, Reverend and Mrs. Arthur B. Clarke. Reverend Clarke was the former pastor of the Roekdale and Northbridge Congregational churches. . . . Cal Hubbard and his wife spent two weeks at Plum Island. . . . Armand Plouffe and family spent a week visiting Canada and New York. . . . John Kneeland and family were guests of Mrs. Kneeland's parents for a week at Astoria, L. I. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ken Maynard spent a week at Laconia as guests of a friend of his who had a speedboat at his disposal. Here is a new way to catch fish. Ken was speeding over the lake and passed a fisherman who was just pulling in a 31-inch lake trout. Ken caught it in his boat's dragline.

Paul Drolet spent a week in the White Mountains. . . . Helen Sitnik and Mary Gibbons are spending their vacation at Water Hill. . . . Ken Crossman and family have moved to their summer home at the Whitin Reservoir. . . . Lionel Lahousse and family spent the week touring New England.

We wish to welcome Florence LeBeau and James West to the Department. Florence, incidentally, observed her tenth wedding anniversary in July. . . . Birthday greetings are in order to the following: Ted Richards, Charles Garabedian, Raymond

olby, Howard Anderson, Val Allega, Richard anny and Roxie Avakian. . . . The "Real riends Club" took in the Red Sox-Yankees me on July 6.

*Tabulating:* Mrs. Anita Belanger is on a ave of absence.

*Payroll Computation:* The welcome mat is t to John Shaw, Helen Ouilette and Louis sJordy who is with us for the summer. . . Lorna Abramek has been transferred the Inspection Office. . . . Mary Mcnald and her sister, Marjorie, spent a ek at the Allen "A" Camp, Wolfeboro, H. . . . Connie Deslauriers spent a ek at Ted Hilton's in Connecticut. . . . nnie and John Shaw are growing older is month. Clare McDonald is convalescing er an operation.

*Budgets:* Congratulations to Ted Froh. adds on another year this month. . . . any of us have been wondering why yllis McQuilkin has been spending the ek ends at Hampton Beach. . . . Dexter len and Victor Hendry have joined the ce in Budgets and we hope they enjoy rking with us.

## ETHODS DEPARTMENT

*t Jean Cunningham*

We sing "Happy Birthday" this month to nner Carlson, Lou Chapman, Jim Colton, ver Copeland, Dave Magill, Sam Mateer, erett Newbegin, Barbara Gray, Avis wkins and Virginia Kenyon. . . . One oArno Wagner's men showed his skill a few eks ago. Bob Bosma entered the model plane contest held in Worcester and won t prize which entitles him to a week's stay the Model Airplane Show in Detroit, gust 22 through August 27. . . . Punjab sakian went deep-sea fishing with a group friends for striped bass. The catch? No —just lots of stripes for Punjab's back. red ones!

A stag party was held for Bill Boyd at the erly Club in Bellingham by his fellow kers. Bud Benner, the office pianist, and Buma, our singer, did a very good job ertaining the boys. . . . Charlie Mateer be picking up stakes one of these days move into a new house. . . . Herbie drews went in wading the other day and n he came out his shoes were missing. dog, a Labrador retriever, had disapred with them. All is well, however, for dog returned the shoes (a little shaken up, course) a few days later. Herbie also has amese cat. . . . The Department wishes ake this opportunity to welcome Jocelyn lor to the fold.

nd now for vacations: Jennie Polek yed a week end at the Cape recently; en Altoonian, the hard-luck kid, went to beach, spent a lovely week until the day re she left for home. Then, it happened. cut her foot badly and returned to the e with a well-bandaged foot. . . . rge Hartley managed to create quite a stir. left for his vacation. Monday morning e and the typists, blueprint and master girls were locked out of the crib. After h scurrying around, the door was finally cked and all was well.

The Methods Department would like to take this opportunity to wish Bill Boyd success in his new position in George Fullerton's office. . . . Mr. Hamilton and Gwen Prior couldn't give me any news. They say, "Nothing ever happens," which brings me back to Methods. I can't write a column without help. Everyone would be disappointed if there was no news in the SPINDLE. So get out your thinking caps and bring the news to me. A few pictures would go well. You can do a lot with a little, you know. So, how about making next month a real good column with everyone giving a little news as a contribution. . . . (*Editor's Note:* Our reporter is quite a celebrity, or didn't you know that she had a boat named in her honor. The boat is painted silver and "Jean C.," the name, is in black lettering. It is docked at Arcade Pond.)

## MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

*by R. W. Yeo*

A happy birthday to "Doc" Couillard, Elsie Davidson, Joan Parker and Roy Burroughs. . . . *Vacation Notes:* Yvonne Gainer, her father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. E. Letourneau), her sons, Donald, and Philip (who just returned from three years in Alaska), spent a week's vacation in Montreal, Canada and Lake George, N. Y. . . . Joan Parker spent her first week at Vinalhaven, Me. . . . Ray Tebeau and friend were at Hyannis, Cape Cod, for a week. . . . Ernest Parker enjoyed his week's vacation at Orleans on Cape Cod. . . . Ed Morse and family spent their first week at Bridgeton, Me. . . . Rita Baillargeon visited friends in Pittsburgh and York, Pa. . . . Eileen Holmes enjoyed a week in Ellsworth, Me. . . . Elsie Davidson was at Spring Lake, R. I. for her first week's vacation.

At this writing, the "Engineers" (494) of the Industrial Softball League are in second place with a record of 9 wins and 2 losses. . . . Leslie Benton has taken an involuntary "vacation" of two weeks for Army Reserve Training at Pine Camp, N. Y. . . . Mrs. Hazel Creighton and friends recently visited New York City. While there, they enjoyed seeing the show, "South Pacific."

## PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

*by Freelon Morris*

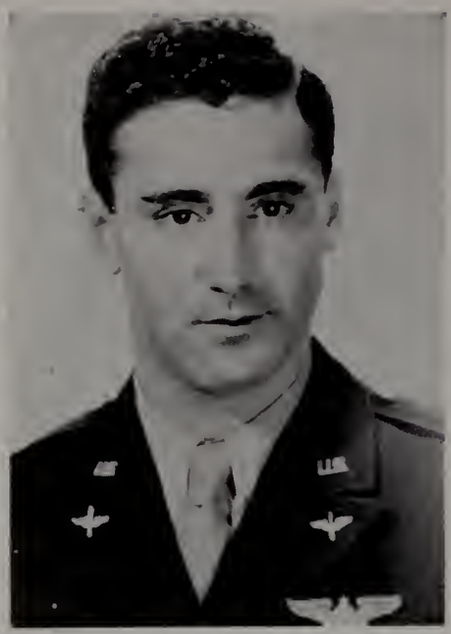
There have been reports circulating to the effect that the Personnel Department is now using Fiji Islanders for office help. This is not true at all. The dusky maidens who flit around are none other than Lois Gellately, Marilyn Dexter and Eleanor Dorsey, masquerading behind heavy layers of sun tan, the product of vacations.

Marilyn started the parade off by flying down to Bermuda. Needless to report, she had a fine time. . . . Both Lois and Eleanor patronized New England on their vacation: Lois went to North Eastham on the Cape, while Eleanor decorated the sands of Point Judith. Lois reports that she did quite a bit of fishing, but my private correspondent claims that the largest fish that graced the dining table was caught at the

*Here is one that didn't get away. Donald Conan, apprentice, with a 45-pound striper he caught in the Cape Cod Canal in June*

*Edward Dennett, erector on Roving, enjoying the roller skating at Old Orchard Beach, Me. Ed recently celebrated his 65th birthday*

*Archie Bolivar and Morris Morin often talk of the days when they worked together on the ice truck*



*Alfred Guidotti, held a prisoner for ten months by the Germans during World War II, has returned to active duty*

local fish market. There was an excuse made about losing a couple of plugs. Oh well, as the Frenchman said as he hauled in his fish line, "*A bas.*" Eleanor claims that her vacation was rather strenuous; sunning, floating, eating and breathing. Her only complaint is that it did not last another two months. . . . "Champ" McCann decided that just one place was not enough so he cruised around spending his time between here and there.

Way back in June most of the office force, the ones who like baseball, and a couple of others who like to ride, journeyed to Boston to watch the Red Sox lose a game. On the way down, the group stopped off at "Ken's Steak House" where beefing is a pleasure. After demolishing a couple of cows, we travelled on to Beantown and the game. Thanks to the good meal and the enthusiasm of the local rooters, the affair was good fun despite the score which was about 5 to 2 in favor of the Tigers.

## FREIGHT HOUSE

***by Harold Libby***

The following people are on vacation: Claire De Orsay at Cape Cod; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Toches on a motor trip to New York, Virginia and Washington; Mrs. Alice Conway, in Connecticut and Maine. . . . Sari Devlin has returned to work after a two weeks' illness. . . . Arthur Malo returned from Japan via Seattle, Wash., where he flew to Worcester and expects to return to Arthur St. Andre's department around July 30. Welcome home, Art. . . . Mrs. Rita Lapoint and family have returned from a trip to Barton, Vt., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. James Darcey. . . . Barbara McFarlane has returned from a trip to the White Mountains. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Turgeon home after a week at Old Orchard. They report very cold bathing but thousands of tourists at this resort.

The Freight House Softball Club, led by Chet Farrar and James Rice, is ploughing along to what we hope is a success. It is hoped that the next five games will take us higher than fourth place.

## RESEARCH DIVISION

***by John Rose***

As this is our first column in the SPINDLE, we have a great deal of "catching up" to do. Your reporter will appreciate any news items which you care to pass on to him.

Congratulations to Louis Rutana of Department 464-B, who was presented his 5-year pin by his foreman, Maynard J. Krull. . . . A friendly "hello" to Tad Minior and Roland Benoit, apprentices who are with us filling out their time. We also welcome Jack Walsh, who is with us for the summer. Jack attends Lowell Textile School.

Many of our people have enjoyed vacations and we give you a résumé: Albert Benson enjoyed a week with friends in Peterborough, N. H.; Kenneth Stanley and his family spent a pleasant week in Pittsburgh, Pa., visiting relatives; Francis Lash vacationed a few days on a fishing trip; Jerry Snow said he had a swell week in Dexter, Me.; Malcolm Landry intended to enjoy his two weeks' vacation at his home in Saco, Me., but, his plans were upset when he was ill the entire two weeks; Pauline Thibeault spent a few days at different beaches getting a tan; Cecil Pendleton spent a quiet week doing odd jobs which he never seemed to get around to before; Tom Howard moved to Whitinsville and after his new home was settled, he vacationed at Orleans; Ike Peloquin worked around his new home and took day trips; and Bill Werth took a three-day trip to Maine.

Our gang here got together and wrote Mr. Cabot a long letter—and we do mean long—

*Prt. Frank J. Zayone, of the Winder Job, is now stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.*

*S/Sgt William Proctor, on the lef with the aid of a friend, checking h score during target practice at Pi Camp, N. Y. Bill works in Depar ment 448B. He recently spent two weel on maneuvers*

it measured 15'6" when completed. M Cabot, who has been ill since April 16, se us word that it was the best medicine he h had as yet. We all look forward to his retu to work. . . . John Magill of our Enginee ing Department made a rapid recovery aft an appendectomy and we were all happy see him back. . . . Captain Leopold R dropped in to see us the other day. Leo stationed in the Pentagon Building but, longer has that lost look in his eyes. He sa he knows his way around pretty well no . . . Jean Brousseau returned to work aft spraining a tendon during a tennis gan . . . Gerald Snow celebrated his birthd on July 18.

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

***by Peggy Deome***

New members of the Drafting Room a Alice Naroian who just recently graduat from Northbridge High School and who wor in the Blueprint Department; Werner Ka who is from Brazil is with us just for t summer months, as he attends M.I. during the remainder of the year; and, Jan Giambazi, a young man from Woonsock who works for Allen Hastings. Welcome the Drafting Room, Alice, Werner and Ji . . . Those who have been on vacation Ben Grynciewicz, Johnny Lash, and B Trottier who vacationed with their famili Thelma Baker, who went to the Wh Mountains and to the Cape; Cyril Tay spent his vacation at Treasure Island with troup of Boy Scouts; Eddie Desjourdy a Bob Crossland moved into new hous Pete Bedrosian spent a restful week at Orchard Beach; Edward Haggerty sp his well-earned vacation around hon Shirley Zakarian vacationed at Marth Vineyard.

*The Personality-of-the-Month* is my boss, Wallace Meigs. Wally was born in Brookline, Mass. on February 22, 1922. He graduated from Brooks School, North Andover, Mass. and attended Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. He served in the infantry and also the Air Force during World War II, seeing overseas action in Europe. Wally started with the Whitin Machine Works in 1947, at which time he attended the Advanced Apprentice School. He became head of the Engineering Standards Section and since then has edited and published the first edition of the *Engineering Manual.* Cape Cod was the meeting place of Wally and his wife. She comes from Missouri and they have one son, Joseph Vincent, who was born this year. The Meigs reside in Grafton. Wally's hobbies are woodworking, sailing and gardening.

Joe Branigan and John Dudley of Research went fishing recently at Martha's Vineyard. While the tide was out, they waded to a large rock to try their luck. They had such good success that they forgot about the tide and suddenly found themselves stranded. The water surged over Joe's boottops as he started back, but, John, who had no boots, removed a few extra pieces of clothing for wading purposes but accidentally slipped off the rock. Upon reaching shore they discovered, to their dismay, that a young lady had taken motion pictures of their embarrassing experience.

## MAIN OFFICE

***by Alice Ferguson and Thelma Vandersea***

Vacationists for the month of July were Eleanor Spratt, Hampton Beach; Marion Boyd, Bath, Me.; Sally Mantashigian, Old Orchard; Eva O'Keefe, Little Holland, N. H.; E. Maynard, New Hampshire; Marjorie McCallum at her cottage on the Whitin Reservoir; L. White, the Cape; Esther Anderson, Swift's Beach; Priscilla Simmons, the Cape; Jose Loredo, Saugus, Mass.; Olga Carlson, Agnes Kalousdian and Wilma

*Edward, on the right, now in Korea, is the son of Henry Lamontagne, Department 408*

*Pvt. Philip Brown, Fort Campbell, Ky., looks smart in his new uniform. Phil worked on the Spindle Job before entering the Armed Forces*

Brouwer took a motor trip; and June Wilbur, a windjammer cruise out of Camden, Me.

A few newcomers have come to the office this month—Sophie Lewandowski of East Douglas is working in Tom Driscoll's office; Ruth Marshall, Marie Walsh and Grace Vandersea are helping out while vacations are on. . . . On July 11 we celebrated Gwen Searles' birthday with a cake. Gwen bought the ice cream. Did you ever find out who your special friend was who sent the flowers, Gwen?

Ruth Fuller was presented a purse and a baby blanket from the Main Office when she left on June 29. . . . Norman MacIntyre came in one Monday morning with a beautiful black eye. He claims he dove off into shallow water. Maybe Mac is practicing to be a "high" diver in some carnival. At least the tank will be a little larger. . . . Ann Ashworth, Export Sales Department, transferred to the Second Floor as secretary to Erik Pierson, Works manager.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

***by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin***

During a recent game in the Girls' Softball League, Elaine Massey really stopped the show. While swinging on a ball, Elaine dislodged a pivot tooth and all proceedings were halted real "quick-like" and all participants, players, umpires and spectators joined in the search. Millie Hayter was the "finder" after a lengthy search.

This is history by now, but worth mentioning. The high-flying Der-S-Debs, undefeated (was, that is), were handed their first setback of the season July 18 by Currie's Cuties. I suppose revenge is sweet, as this, at last, in part, atones for the "shellacking" the Cuties received earlier in the season. Incidentally, the Cuties feel pretty good about this one and claim they can do it again.

At this writing, Jim Clarke, one of our veterans in Production, is hospitalized. We sincerely hope that when he reads this, he will be out of the hospital and recovering rapidly. . . . You have heard it hundreds of times but Stan Pietrewicz had it happen. While vacationing, he decided to do a little fishing here in Whitinsville, and apparently things were not going so well, so a little bass that felt sorry for Stan just up and jumped into the boat; I have yet to find out if Stan kept the fish but I have my suspicions.

Eddie Rice who was in attendance at the Yankees-Red Sox game on July 7 returned home with two memorable souvenirs—a foul line drive from the bat of Yogi Berra and a bruised hand to prove he caught it himself. . . . While on the subject of baseball, it must be noted that after the massacre in Fenway in early July, there has been a touch of gloom in the Yankees camp around here, but we hope (I guess we do) that our countenances will be beaming in full again by the time you read this column. . . . Norman Jussuame has been devoting all his spare moments to working on the St. Denis Cemetery project in East Douglas. They really served some excellent lunches on that job which may account for "Jess" putting on some weight.

*Crib No. 5 Notes:* A weenie roast was held at Purgatory on Wednesday evening, July 18, in honor of the approaching marriage of Mona Kelliher to Samuel Stratton of the Army. Mona was presented a wardrobe case of Warren luggage by the following who were in attendance: Gert Lafleur, Pat Rivet, Ollie Donatelli, Ann Cupka, Alice Der-Terosian, Helen Jessaume, Eve Lundberg, Anor Champagny and Margaret Hounihan. The couple were married in South Carolina, July 27. . . . Doris Knaab and Jane

*Bob Ferguson, Whitin erector, and M. Andre Manuel, Whitin general agent for Europe at the Textile Exposition in Lille, France. Gene Kennedy assistant export sales manager is shown in the background on the left*

*Time was called by the umpire in a recent girls' softball game while everyone looked for Elaine Massey's pivot tooth*

Sanger have left us to take up domestic duties. . . . The welcome mat is out for new employees Ollie Donatelli, Terrance Dalton and Lawrence Comtois, also to the new office supervisor, John Whitehead, who took over when Fred Marshall joined the expeditors. We all wish Fred the best of luck in his new endeavor. . . . Supervisor Bernie Gniadek was on a week's tour of officers' training duty from July 23 to August 3 at Pine Camp, N. Y. . . . Vacation is coming following this issue, so if you have news or pictures, please forward them as soon as possible to your very capable newshawk, Gert Lafleur.

**WAGE STANDARDS**

*by Giggie Fettuccia*

Marilyn Blair, Maria Beccia, Nancy Seagrave, Thomas Queenan, Leland Watson, Raymond Buma, Al Cousins and Harold Thayer all celebrated birthdays recently. . . . The welcome mat is extended to the following: Ann McKee, Ian Davidson, Mitchell Barouo, Nancy Todd, May Hutcheson, and Marcel Monier. Also, to Irving Pearson who was transferred from the Production Office.

## PROMOTED

Howard E. Kuehn was recently appointed assistant chief development engineer at the Research Division. Howard was born in Easton, Connecticut, and graduated from the high school in Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1936, where he majored in science. He furthered his education by completing advanced courses in mathematics and science. He is a member of the State Honor Society and a junior member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Howard came to Whitin in January of this year and served as divisional development engineer in cotton and spun rayon. Prior to coming here he was associated with the Universal-Winding Corporation where he was chief draftsman of the Atwood Division for five years.

Mr. Kuehn is married and the father of four children. His hobbies are making home movies and colored slides. His favorite sport is bowling. Mr. Kuehn lives with his family in Warwick, Rhode Island.

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## Garden Club Awards Prizes

Last month judges from the Worcester County Extension Service inspected the Whitin Home Garden Club plots for the 34th consecutive year. Gardner Noreross, Walter Shaw, and George Mingin, of the Extension Service, were assisted in the inspection by Angus Parker, Jacob Haringa, Merrill True, and Dana Heald, officers of the Whitin Club.

President Angus Parker advises that the gardens are in excellent condition and a bumper crop is expected. The judges stated that the potatoes were among the best they had examined this year.

The officers of the Whitin Home Garden Club wish to thank all the members for their co-operation this year and for the excellent work they did in their gardens.

### AWARD WINNERS

Whitin Estate—Full Gardens

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| (1) | Norman White | 93 points |
| (2) | Fred Dexter | 92 points |
| (3) | Garrit Ebbeling | 91 points |

Whitin Estate—Half Gardens

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| (1) | Frank Polucha | 93 points |
| (2) | George West | 91 points |
| (3) | Earl White | 90 points |

Meadow Pond and Plot K

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| (1) | Arthur Leavitt | 92 points |
| (2) | Joseph Checci | 89 points |
| (3) | Bernard Shaw | 87 points |

Lackey Dam and Brick School

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| (1) | William Rutana | 88 points |
| (2) | Elvin Winchell | 82 points |
| (3) | Martin Haringa | 81 points |

Fairlawn and Crescent

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| (1) | Lloyd Flint | 79 points |
| (2) | A. Lariviere | 74 points |
| (3) | W. Dupont | 72 points |

Johnston Avenue and Fletcher Street

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| (1) | H. Manosh | 88 points |
| (2) | S. Doldoorian | 87 points |
| (3) | Ernest Chase | 85 points |

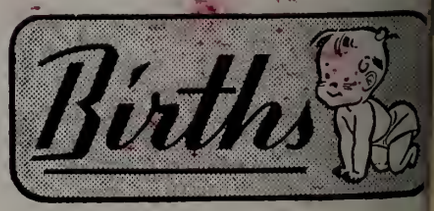
## Obituaries

Geert G. Ebbeling, who died at his hom July 3, had been a tinsmith at the Whitin Machine Works for 40 years prior to hi retirement. He was a native of Hollan and had resided in this community for 5 years. Our deepest sympathy is extended t the members of his family.

The members of Department 409 exten their sympathy to Walter Knapik in th loss of his father.

Sympathy is extended to Jerome Mand ville on the death of his 3½-year-old son.

We extend sympathy to the members the Colby family on the recent death Edward L. Colby.




To George Randall, Gear Job, and Mr Randall, a son, George Eugene, born June 1

To Donald White, Linwood Mill, and Mr White, a son, Norman Robert, born June 2

To Robert McCallum, Drafting Room, an Mrs. McCallum, a daughter, Jean, bo July 16.

*nd Lieutenant and Mrs. William olon Rollins leaving the Naval Acad- n Chapel in Annapolis after their riage ceremony on June 3. Mrs. ins was Miss Mildred Deborah e, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Joyce altimore. Lieutenant William Rol- is the son of Mr. Leroy Rollins of the Payroll Department*

*r and Mrs. Roland Duhaime leave r motorcycle trip to Canada after e wedding ceremony in July. Roland is employed at 420*

*r nd Mrs. Paul Blouin were married t Holy Name Church in Worcester ne 30. They are shown at their ng reception in the Aurora Hotel*

To Harold Trebes, Department 400, and Mrs. Trebes, a daughter, Dorothy Louise, born June 20.

To Arthur Guilbeault, Department 419, and Mrs. Guilbeault, a son, Richard, born June 21.

To Robert Johnson, Department 405, and Mrs. Johnson, a son.

To Gerard Moussette, Department 405, and Mrs. Moussette, a daughter.

To Norman Laplante, Department 413, and Mrs. Laplante, twins, born June 13.

To Edward Rondeau, and Mrs. Rondeau, formerly of 411, a son, Edward Joseph, Jr.

## MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Alice Ellsey, Department 449, married to Jean LaBelle of Peabody, June 18.

Eva Mongeon, Crib No. 5, married to Roland "Whitey" Dumas, in Provincetown, June 15.

Mrs. Jennie Devlin, Ring Job, married to John Baker, June 2.

Tom Casagrande, former pitcher for Whitin baseball team, engaged to Virginia Dwyer of Uxbridge. Tom is the property of the Philadelphia Phils.

Paula Cassidy, Sales Department, engaged to Robert Baker, Castle Hill Farm, a Tufts College student.

Susan Suskenka, Department 411, engaged to Michael Wrabel of Webster.

Lester B. Simmons, formerly of Yard Department, married to Beatrice Clems of Milford.

Helen Dykstra, stock clerk, Crib No. 5, married to Edward Jussaume, U.S.N.

William Boyd, Tool Design, married to Nancy Trull, a teacher, June 30.

Flora Frieswick married to Wilbert McGaw, both of Drafting Room, in the First Congregational Church, Fisherville, June 16.

Paul Blouin, Department 420 Inspection, married to Doris Thibeault, June 30.

Roland Duhaime, Department 420 Top Rolls, married to Denise Beauchesne, June 29.

Dorothy Bosma, Production Department, engaged to Pfc. Garrit Ebbeling, U. S. Army, and formerly of Department 450.

*Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith (Louise Hamelin) who were married in St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge, May 12*

*Mr. and Mrs. George Antoian, who were married June 2 in St. Margaret-Mary's Church at Magog, Canada, are now residing at Detroit, Mich., where the groom is employed. George is the son of Oscar Antoian of Department 429*

*Mr. and Mrs. Albert Violett, Jr., were married in Assumption Church, Bellingham, May 26. Albert was employed on the Spindle Job prior to his entry into the Armed Forces*

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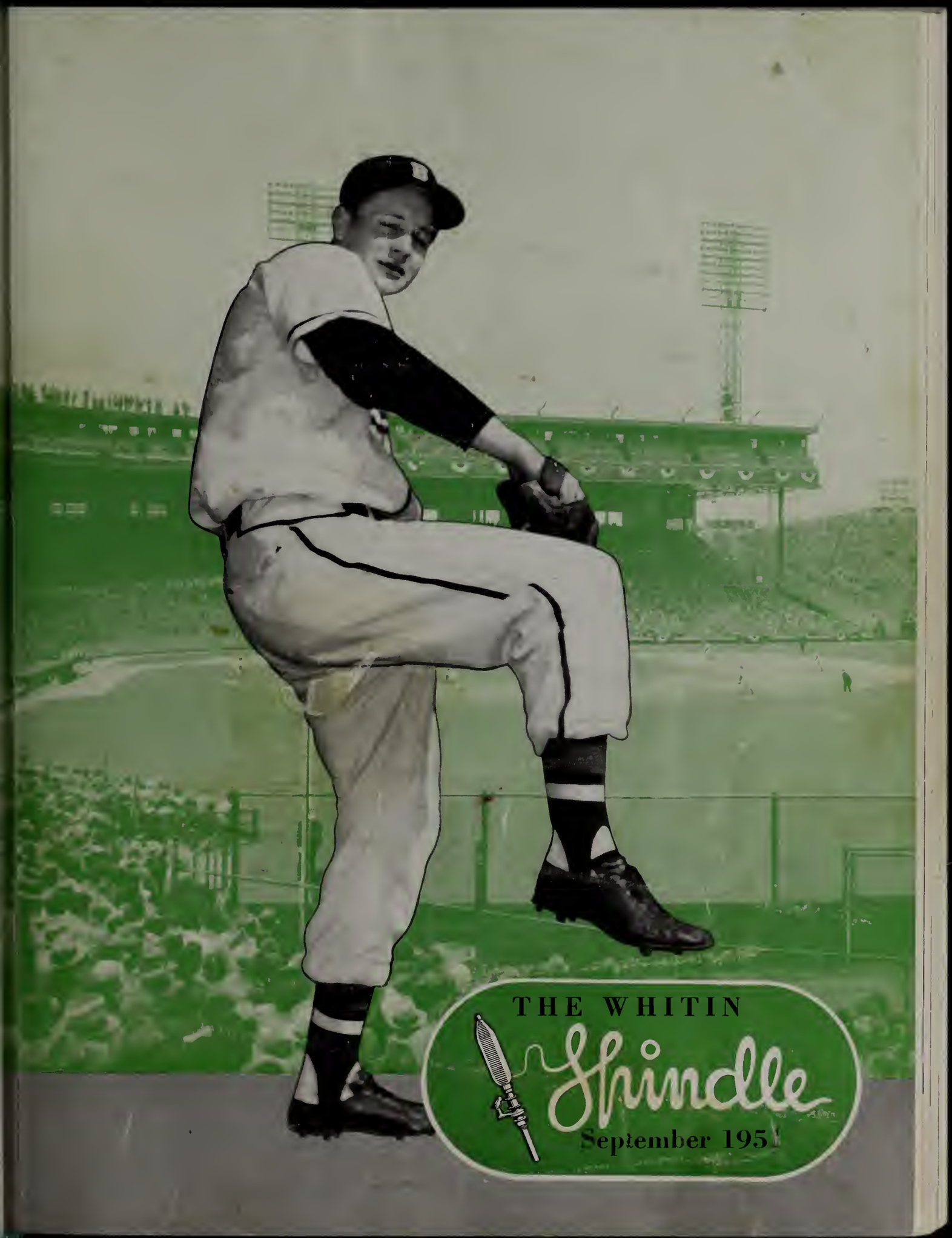

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# The Star Gazers and Social Dreamers

## *won't like This One*

SOME of the recent happenings in this country would indicate that the people are being sold down the river without being given the facts upon which to act.

For example—you may think this crusade to regulate and restrict business profits is no concern of yours because you are not a stockholder in business. Well, the critics and social dreamers won't like this one—but let's open it up and take a look.

78 million people actually *do* have a *money* stake in American Business. And since the chances are far better than even that *you* are one of them—it's *your* dollars, *your* life, *your* family, *your* future we're dealing with.

Let's take the *direct* stockholders first—the people they picture with bulging bankrolls travelling the Glory Road to riches.

There are *18 million. And they own this country's corporations.* They are *people—average people*—who have invested their savings in the ability, and *obligation* of business to put their dollars to work and deliver a profit.

American Telephone and Telegraph is owned by 800,000 men and women. They own an average of 30 shares apiece. The great majority are working people with small incomes. The "privileged few?"

General Motors is owned by 433,000 people. 320,000 own 50 shares or less. More than 140,000 own 10 shares—about $600 in the business. The "privileged few?"

General Electric is owned by 249,000. U. S. Steel, by 227,000. Pennsylvania Railroad, by 208,000. Radio Corporation of America, by 206,000. Standard Oil of New Jersey, by 200,000—and so on down the list.

These, they say—all 18 million—are the "privileged few."

But let's look further. If you own an insurance policy—or have a savings account—you have a definite stake, indirectly, in business. Because it's *your* dollars, in part, which insurance companies wisely invest in corporation stocks and bonds—*to make a profit.* It's *your* dollars which banks wisely invest in bonds, mortgages, etc., of corporations and others—*to make a profit.*

In 1948—there were 78 million owners of life insurance in the country representing 90% of all the families.

If you divide the assets of all insurance companies among these 78 million—you will find $690 invested per average policyholder. *And 31% of those dollars are invested in the securities of business and industry. Invested for profit!*

Can you picture what *could* happen if business failed to earn enough profit to show an adequate return on the investments that are made to guarantee your life insurance?

A sorry prospect you say? Yes, but no more so than the prospect of the only Business System in the world capable of maintaining real security, being tampered with, undermined, compromised, maligned, overtaxed, stifled.

This question of whether business shall remain free reaches deeply into the lives and homes and future of every last one of us and our children. And from where we sit, it's high time for an end to this baseless effort to shackle and restrain—to substitute ways that are *known to be failures.*

That is—if we are to keep this nation and its people advancing, and maintain our position of bank, breadbasket, arsenal, and the last great hope of freedom in a bewildered, shattered world.

*—Standard Steel Spring Company*

# Forging in the Blacksmith Shop

*Above: Jerry Arehambault, operator of the largest drop hammer in the Blacksmith Shop, is forging spinning frame rings. A bar of heated steel is placed on the lower die and when the upper die, shown above Jerry's head, is released to fall on it, the part is formed by a number of heavy blows. The falling force of the hammer is 3500 pounds*

*Right: Henry Fulasz, a die sinker, is making a ring die. The machine he is operating is a special vertical miller used for making dies*

FORGING is an operation used to form metal by heating and hammering. It is one of the oldest arts in existence. The early exponents of this ancient craft were well aware that wrought iron became relatively plastic at red heat and could then be hammered into any shape desired without detriment to the metal itself, and examples of

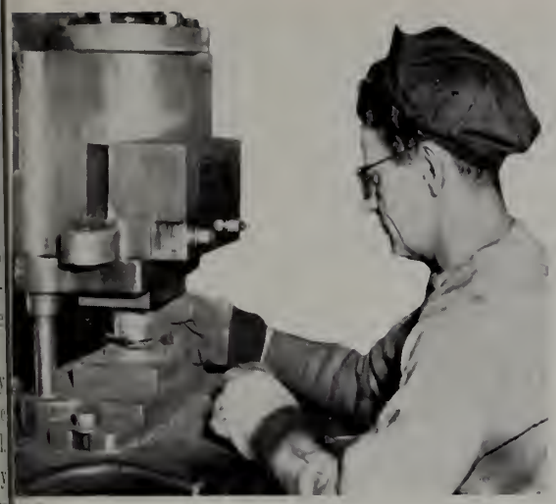
*Albert Ballow and Fedor Kusin are loading steel bars into storage racks. Each type of steel has its own compartment and can be located easily when needed. The racks, containing 48 compartments, hold approximately ten tons of steel*

*Bob Magill is water straightening a spindle on an 80-pound trip hammer. Before retiring recently, Bob accumulated a total of 58 years in the employ of the Whitin Machine Works*

this early work, which have survived centuries are to be found the world over. Although formerly an operation performed mainly on wrought iron, it is today to be associated not only with steel formed into the necessary rough shape from which tools and parts of machines and equipment are machined, but quite a large business is done in the forging of aluminum alloys, and to a less extent the brasses and bronzes. Any machine part, tool, or utensil which does not originate in a casting and which cannot be economically machined from a fabricated section, must, with few exceptions, be formed to rough shape by a forging operation.

Forgings are made in our Blacksmith Shop either by hand or by drop hammer. Hand forging, the trade of the blacksmith, is mainly one of hammering over the anvil, parts which can be made quicker and cheaper than by manipulation under a drop hammer. Usually parts forged in this manner consist of small lots or repair work for broken machinery. The drop hammer is used when large quantities of parts are required at a rapid rate. This operation, unlike hand forging, requires the use of dies. These are devices for cutting or forming metals. They are

*Simon Platukis is cutting steel bars to convenient forgi lengths. This machine can cut round stock up to 3" in diame or a piece of flat steel 6" wide x 1" thick*



*Left: After the forgings have been made on the hammers, they are sent to the punch presses where the excess stock or flash is trimmed off. The operator shown is William Blair*

*Right: Henry Berube, assistant foreman (left), shows us a ring forging after the flash has been trimmed off. Bill Woodcock holds a forging fresh from the hammer. Note bar stock from which rings were fashioned*

rdinarily in pairs and act together, usually under heavy pressure. A heated metal bar is placed on the lower die, nd when the upper die is released to fall on it, the part is ormed by a number of heavy blows. One die alone could ot do the work; there must be something to press the aterial into it, and that is the other half of the die, its ate. These two halves of the die must be carefully atched so that when they come together the piece to be rmed will not be offset.

Diemaking is one of the most highly skilled trades in e mechanical field and requires an apprenticeship of ven years. All the dies used to form parts in the Blacksmith Shop are made in this department. Although most of the dies are for producing rings, very often dies for draw rolls and gear blanks are made also.

In addition to forging, the Blacksmith Shop makes bolts for every type of textile machine Whitin builds. Their semi-automatic machines are capable of producing 8,000 bolts a day.

We salute the men of this department in the important and interesting roll they play in the Whitin enterprise. We extend congratulations particularly to the senior employees of the Blacksmith Shop: John J. Sullivan, 44 years; Simon Platukis, 42 years; Garabed DerSarkisian, 42 years; Henry Fulasz, 24 years; and Carl E. Anderson, 24 years.

*Below: Noel Tanguary hand forging a hook in a manner similar to that used by the village blacksmith not too many years ago. Parts wanted only in small quantities usually are hand-forged*

*Above: After the steel has been cut into desired lengths, it is delivered to the hammers. Leo Bedard is shown heating the steel before he starts forging. The temperature of the furnaces ranges from 1800° F. to 2000° F.*

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## DO YOU KNOW HIM?

"He's not a bad guy, when you get to know him."

You hear this said of many people—even some who are very difficult to get along with. Knowing a person well enough to understand what is on his mind, what "makes him tick," is the first step in getting along with him.

If you find yourself working with a person who is difficult, try these two suggestions:

(1) Get to know him as a *person*, not just as a boss or fellow worker.

(2) Find and straighten out the things in yourself that may cause him to think of you as a difficult person.

FRONT COVER: Chet Nichols, 20-year-old portsider of the Boston Braves, is the first Whitin product of our six-year-old, second edition of the Blackstone Valley League to gain a major league berth. As a 17-year-old youngster Chet was the finest high school prospect ever to play in this league and was signed to a pro contract at the conclusion of the 1948 season. Chet was admired by the fans of Whitinsville for his courage, good fellowship, and exceptional poise and ability.

# *Whitin Personality*

JAMES C. RANKINE, our assistant general superintendent, was born in Pa tucket, R. I. He attended the public schools and graduated from Pawtuck High School. Mr. Rankine was foundry superintendent of the Fales a Jencks Machine Company and shortly after this firm was purchased by t Whitin Machine Works he became general superintendent of the Putna Company of Putnam, Conn.

In April, 1934, Mr. Rankine became associated with the Whitin Machi Works as an assistant foreman in Departments 405 and 406. When Willi Halpin, the foreman of these departments retired in 1937, Mr. Rankine assum the duties of foreman, a position which he held until he was transferred to t Superintendent's Office. In June, 1943 he was appointed superintendent the Magneto Job, one of the departments that was playing a major part in war effort. In 1945 he served as personnel director. When Mr. John Cunni ham was appointed general superintendent in 1946, Mr. Rankine was appoin his assistant. Among the departments which now come under Mr. Rankin supervision are the Tool Job, Electric Department, Foundry, Millwrigh Guards and Patrolmen. In addition, Robert Stewart, assistant divisio superintendent, actively assists Mr. Rankine in the supervision of many ot manufacturing departments throughout the Company.

Our plant Safety Program is directed by Mr. Rankine and he is the chairm of the Safety Committee.

In addition to his affiliations with the Pawtucket Masonic Blue Loo Chapter and Council, he is the vice-president of the Uxbridge Rotary Cl

Mr. Rankine is married and has three children and four grandchildren. resides on Leland Road in Whitinsville. He thinks that Whitinsville i great town!

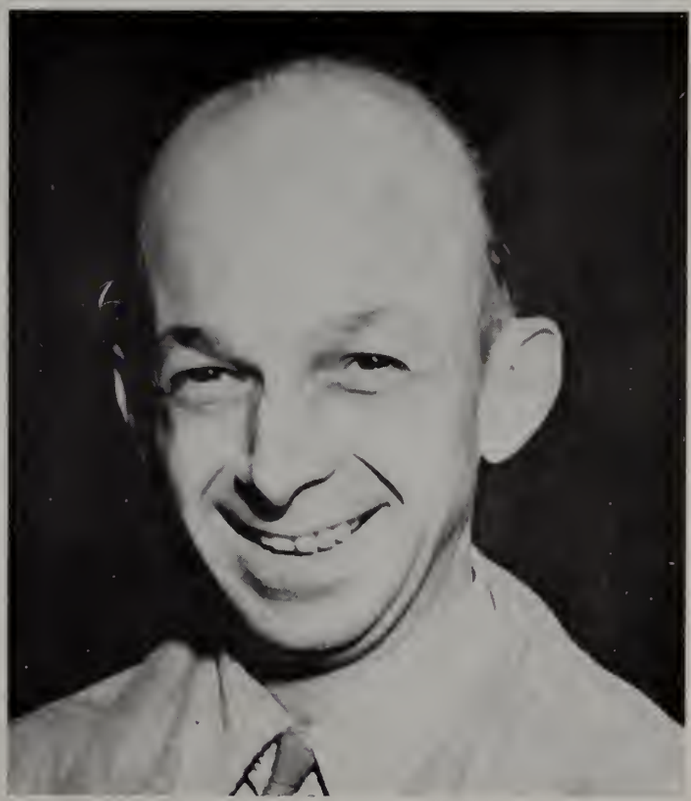
# Suggestion Awards

## *Granted in the Months of May, June and July, 1951*

### WINNERS

| Dept. | Name | Suggestion Number | Amount of Award |
|---|---|---|---|
| 489 | James Ashworth | 51–84 | $60.00 |
| 489 | Leo Menard | 48–195 | 40.00 |
| 440 | Paul E. Grenon | 51–69 | 25.00 |
| 489 | Norman Gravel | 51–136 | 25.00 |
| 439 | Walter Mularczyk | 51–170 | 25.00 |
| 435 | Fabian A. Corron | 51–171 | 20.00 |
| 432 | Stephen Bezik | 51–153 | 20.00 |
| 465 | Benjamin Gniadek | 50–127 | 15.00 |
| 440 | Nelson Bartlett | 51–68 | 10.00 |
| 426 | Ambrose Luchini | 51–121 | 10.00 |
| 420 | Edward S. Holmes | 51–82 | 10.00 |
| 424 | Edward L. Jones | 50–222 | 10.00 |
| 439 | John Visbeck | 50–248 | 10.00 |
| 489 | William Kidd | 51–6 | 10.00 |
| 465 | Reynold Cochrane | 51–26 | 7.50 |
| 445 | John J. Sitnik | 51–67 | 7.50 |
| 411 | Herbert Baker | 51–92 | $7.50 |
| 460 | Lionel Parenteau | 51–117 | 7.50 |
| 427 | Fred Kramer | 51–130 | 7.50 |
| 424 | Franklin Greene<br>John Solina<br>Henry Lubas | 51–148 | 7.50 |
| 434 | Raymond Chaharyn | 50–252 | 7.50 |
| 427 | Fred Kramer | 50–261 | 7.50 |
| 485 | Donald Amiro | 51–94 | 7.50 |
| 443 | Martin Haringa | 50–232 | 5.00 |
| 461 | Leslie Young | 51–70 | 5.00 |
| 448 | John G. Wilson | 51–72 | 5.00 |
| 465 | Stanley Kloczkowski | 51–77 | 5.00 |
| 465 | Earl Martinson | 51–79 | 5.00 |
| 440 | William O'Brien | 51–85 | 5.00 |
| 461 | William Galleshaw | 51–98 | 5.00 |

*ames Ashworth, Department 489, received an award of $60 r a suggestion which eliminated the use of auxiliary shipper rod collar 92W108 on Roving Frames*



*Leo Menard, Department 489, has received several suggestion awards in the past. This time he received $40 for eliminating a bench assembly operation on Schweiter Winders*

# Reconstruction Work Progressing at Trout Pool

In an endeavor to make their private trout pool one of the finest in the State, the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club started reconstruction work at Riley's Pond in July. The project began with the draining of the pond and the salvaging of 532 fish. The Club salvaged 51 bass, ranging from 2½ pounds to 7 pounds; 1 carp, 6 calico bass, 18 rainbow trout, 450 yellow perch, 5 white perch, and 1 horned pout. The bass were loaned to the State Hatchery for breeding purposes and the remainder of the fish were liberated in the Meadow Pond.

Before new fish can be released in the trout pool, the pond bed must be cleaned and fertilized. Also, new springs must be opened and the depth of the pond increased from its present 20 feet to 23 feet. With the assistance of the Whitin Machine Works, the stone dam is to be repaired and a new control gate installed. The underbrush around the pond also will be cleared within a fifty-foot radius of the shoreline.

This fall it is the Club's intention to restock the poo with three-inch and four-inch fingerlings. To make th fishing even more attractive for the Club's 600 members plans call for restocking the pond next spring with 400 trout measuring from 12 to 15 inches. In past years i has been the practice to release 2500 trout varying i length from 9 to 11 inches.

In addition to improving the fishing at Riley's Pon the Club has asked the State conservation officials t make a survey of Carpenter's Reservoir, and also ha called upon Mr. Richard Stroud, manager of Wildlif Research, for assistance in eliminating the weeds in th Meadow Pond.

William Todd, president of the Fish and Game Clul and members who serve on the committees, deserve great deal of credit for the part they play in making fisl ing one of our most interesting sports in Whitin ville.

*Whitinsville Fish and Game Club members salvaging fish during the draining of Riley's Pond. They were assisted by Mike O'Ma supervisor of the state fish hatchery at Wilkinsonville. A steam shovel was used to remove the dirt from one of the main outl*

*Charlie Commons holds a 30-pound carp, salvaged from Riley's Pond. It was 36 inches long and about 40 years old*

*Any fisherman would have enjoyed catching this seven-pound largemouth bass held by Theodore Lemieux*

*Bob Hoisington, on the right, assisted by one of the construction men, netted the 30-pound carp and brought it to the shore*

*Members of the trout pool committee included: Horace Bassett, chairman; Richard Bosma, Claus VanDyke, Paul Mintoft, Francis Joslin, and William Todd, club president*

*Mr. C. Alexander Pelo quin directing the Whi tin Male Glee Club i a rehearsal in the as sembly room of th Fire Station*

# Glee Club Plans Fall Program

Since their last public appearance on Palm Sunday, in Providence, R. I., our Whitin Male Glee Club has been busy preparing a fall program. Many of their new selections will be introduced to us in Whitinsville on October 27, when the Glee Club sings for the Whitin Community Association in conjunction with its full week of special activities.

The Glee Club will make its first fall appearance in the Hotel Statler, Boston, on October 1, where they will entertain the 1,500 guests who will be present for the opening session of the National Recreation Congress. During the half-hour entertainment program, the chorus will sing such old favorites as "O Praise the Lord" by Ippolitov-Ivanov, "Improperia" by Palestrina, "Hospodi Pomilui" by Lvorsky, "Carol of the Bells" by Leontovitch, and a choral arrangement of the National Anthem.

On October 9 the Glee Club will be the guest entertainers at the Annual Executives' Night, Worcester Chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers, which will be held at the Hotel Sheraton, Worcester. At the concert, the Glee Club will sing a few popular classic selections in addition to a group of new songs which will be included on the program of October 27.

The fall repertoire is entirely new and includes for the most part, light classical selections, American folk tunes and melodies. Without a doubt, the Glee Club's many listeners and admirers look forward to another season of fine musical entertainment and join with us in wishing the Glee Club and its director, Mr. C. Alexander Peloquin a most successful season.

*A few members of the group who arrived early for the rehearsal warm up with "Sweet Adeline" for their own amusement*

# *Hobby*—Leon and his Casting Rods

How would you like to land a 36-pound sea bass with a surf-casting rod which you made yourself! Leon Fletcher of the Spindle Job has, and after you have talked with him you are convinced that this must be quite a thrill.

Leon's interest in salt-water fishing and casting rods started quite a number of years ago when he lived in Maine. Most of his fishing was done in the remote areas along the Penobscot River and like all equipment which is in constant use, his fishing tackle often needed repairs. Unfortunately when this did happen, Leon was forced to fix it himself until he was able to travel to the nearest city. When he did visit the city he would buy several repair parts to last him many months. Actually the repairing of his rods was the beginning of Leon's hobby and this eventually led to the making of his own fishing equipment which started in Camden, Maine, during World War II. At that time parts and materials were unobtainable but he was able to find a few prewar parts and started to make his own rods. Since then he has become quite interested in the various types of equipment and has now even made casting rods for use on boats.

As Leon will tell you, there are various types of rods and styles of reels for the different fish you hope to catch. Taking this into consideration, Leon has made a rod of bonkin cane and another of "PLYFLEX" wood which comes cemented in a hexagon and which he buys in lengths, later to be cut to the desired size. Leon recently made a glass fishing rod. He bought the rod and then assembled it by adding guides, tips and ferrules. Material and assembly kits can be purchased in almost any sporting supply house.

You have to use your judgment in determining what size rod to use for the various fish. Leon tells us that a surf-casting rod usually measures anywhere from nine to 12 feet in length.

Perhaps you are wondering about the procedure he follows for making a rod. If we were to look in on him in the workshop at the rear of his home we would probably find Leon, first of all, cutting his material to the desired rod length. He would next cement the reel seat to the handle and then the bottom ferrule to the bamboo or plyflex wood. Then he would secure the guides and tip while the rod was held firmly in a vice. After he finished this, he would sand and varnish the rod and then apply color preserver on the windings. When this was finished he would complete the final operation by applying a coat of rod varnish. After devoting approximately eight hours to his project, Leon would have a rod worth at least $25, depending on the size.

Leon, who lives in North Uxbridge, stresses the point that this is only a hobby and he would never turn it into a business. He makes rods only for himself and his close friends.

*These surf-casting rods are an example of Leon's fine workmanship*

On week ends, he goes to Narragansett Bay with friends. They usually hire a dory in which he uses either one of two outboard motors which he owns. The newest motor, a four horsepower Scott Atwater, which he recently purchased, has a shift that operates in neutral, reverse or forward. On these trips he and his friends usually angle for bluefish and striped bass.

Leon is a member of the Narragansett Salt Water Fishing Club, the Worcester Surf Casting Club, the Whitin Fish and Game Club, the Uxbridge Rod and Gun Club, the Rockdale Rod and Gun Club and the Nipmuc Rod and Gun Club. He feels that if it weren't for the fish and game clubs, there would be very few fish in our fresh-water ponds. These organizations stock the ponds each year and a large percentage of the membership fee goes into the fund for this purpose.

As well as gaining much enjoyment from his unusual hobby, Leon finds that it is an economical way to enjoy the best in fishing.

# *Sports—*

## Baseball, Then and Now

By James Brosnahan

On July 4, 1929, I saw my first Blackstone Valley League game—at least the first that I can remember with any degree of accuracy. Three or four things which happened during that ball game are still most vivid in my mind. First, Hank Greenberg, playing first base for Douglas, hit a ball which cleared the big elm tree in left field on the old Linwood Avenue grounds. Bunky Kearnan turned a somersault out by the flag pole in center field, and came up with one of the greatest running catches I have ever seen. George Healey and Ray Sullivan, then just breaking in with the Whitin's club, caught the greasy pig. That afternoon in Douglas, Kearnan lost the seat of his pants when he went over the fence after a ball and someone's bulldog tied into him. Since that day, until about three years ago, I have heard all the tales of the old Valley League: Summer's pulled his watch and forfeited a ball game and two years later was in the Big Show. Lefty Grove got 10 dollars a strikeout from Walter Schuster and every kid in town got a free bottle of pop if he'd cheer for Douglas. Grove, Hadley, Greenberg, MacFayden, Ferrell, Billings, Smith, Nekola, Walsh, Kearnan, Summers and Montgomery—these are names this Valley has rung with for years. Those were the good old days. "We'd never see their like," said the oldtimers. But, six years ago the Valley League was reborn as the boys came home from World War II and for two years the local talent tried to revive the glories of the past. Then, in 1948, the directors of the various clubs decided to go out and get their ballplayers. As a result, we have today, this young edition of the Valley League bringing along some names and memories to rival those of the 1920's. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you of what's happening to a few of those young men developed by Whitin's and who are now in pro-ball.

First and foremost—the youngster who is our first representative in the Majors—"Chet" Nichols, at twenty years of age a member of the Boston Braves with a record of 7 wins and 4 losses at this writing. Back in '48 Chet had a 6 and 1 record in the Valley. His pick-off motion to first was the talk of the League, as was his great poise for such a youngster. His ability was recognized by all and Chet was marked by the Valley League fans as a boy to follow. Well, follow him we did. Through Evansville and Milwaukee, and then, this year, when he went South with the parent club and remained. I will never forget the thrill which I received as I saw him chalk up his initial win on Patriot's Day when he came on in relief to pitch great ball against the then red hot Giants. Chet hasn't changed a bit—he's the same easy-going but con scientious and thoughtful kid he was in Whitinsville To me, he proved it that day, for although thrilled t extremes by his first win under the Big Top, with team mates and rivals alike hanging on his back, and con gratulations pouring in from all sides, he still came u from the dugout to shake hands with his old teammate Jack Ratcliffe and Yours Truly to let us know a littl of Whitinsville's support was appreciated. So, to Che Nichols, Whitin's first to gain the top, good luck. W couldn't have a better representative for he has the bes qualities which make a gentleman and great athlete

Now for a quick rundown on our other boys who ar fighting to make their mark in pro-ball. Tom Casagrand signed for $40,000 by the Phillies last winter. Tom now with Wilmington and from all reports he is doing s well he may be brought up for a look-see at the end this season. They tell me the Big Red Head is real firing and all of you who saw him hand-cuff Milford the play-off game of '49 know what that means. Pa Farrell, to me the best we have seen at third base in th league, a truly great natural athlete, was the regul third baseman for the Phillies farm team at Schenectad last year. This year, because of graduation and a la start, he was sent to Bradford, Pennsylvania, but Pa is too good a prospect to stay long there and I look see him wearing the spangles of the Phils within two yea

Jack Fitzgibbons and Charlie Ruddock both signed Pl contracts and both are with Pittsfield of the Canadia American League. Charlie is hitting .298 and Fitz .28 Both, according to rumors, should be moving up no year. Charlie probably to "A" ball, for more seasoni and Fitz may go all the way to become a relief catch for the parent club. Jack Carmichael is in the Bost Braves farm system. From Whitin in '48 he went Pawtucket of the New England League and is now wi Evansville and has himself a good record this year. I Taft, too, is in the Braves system but, as yet, I ca locate where. Bob McNabb was signed by the Bost Red Sox this spring and is now with their Akron fa club. With the world of stuff he had, Bobby may pro to be someone to watch.

Turning to matters still at hand, the '51 season h not yet run its course, but it's safe to say that first a second places have been clinched by Douglas and Ho dale. The other two playoff spots are still much in dou as Fort Devens, Whitin's and Uxbridge Worsted battl out down to the wire. Wyman-Gordon has no furt interest other than to throw a big monkey-wrench i the affairs.

Now, what has happened to Whitin's? Our pitch has been exceptional, however, you need runs to ball games. This, to me, has been our great fault un which may be included the following contributing facto this club has not shown the ability or hustle to come fr behind, it has suffered defensive lapses in moments w they have hurt the most. Our hitting has been good, not timely in regards to getting runs across that pl We have left a lot of men stranded and as a result haven't been winning the close ones.

Looking down our roster! Mike Roarke has been one of our steadiest hitters but his throwing and defensive work has not been up to par. In the middle of July we picked up Harry Brown to help us solve our first base problem. Harry did much to put some life into the club and his hitting s much improved over the past. At second, Jack Concannon continues o be a good glove man but his hitting, hough better this year, still must be mproved. At short, Doc Ayres has hit very well, defensively he has been great. A tendency to let balls, hit traight at him, play him, seems to e Doc's only grievous fault. At hird base Hal Reilly has done a fair ob day in and out. Hal has his hit er game during the latter part of the eason and if he applies the experience e gained here to his play in years to ome he may yet make the grade.

Ronnie Cole, our leftfielder, is efinitely an outfielder, not a first aseman; not that he can't someday lay the initial sack. Ronnie has ll the equipment to be a real hitter, efinitely a boy to watch. Jack Ratliffe, after starting fast at the plate, as levelled off with his hitting; a reat defensive player, Jackie is still ted among the four top outfielders the league. Gene Gore looks like good fielder and although in a terble slump through the last of July nd first of August, shows signs of ming around. Al Hackett, a fair elder, but not a too consistent hitter, as been hot and cold. Lou Simonini nd Artie Ratner have all the equipent to be good ball players. John oldoorian, still a year away, has one a good job to date. As for our tchers, Dave Sisler has the poise nd ability to go up. Jim O'Neil, th about two years' seasoning, uld also make the grade. Amos ixon, although not too quick, is as art as they come. Billy Scholz has e stuff to go ahead in baseball.

In closing, should we make the ayoffs, I feel our pitching is strong ough to carry us all the way. owever, this club will have to wake afield and at bat and make a few eaks come their way. It could ppen—but, time will tell.

## BASEBALL TEAM GUESTS AT CLAMBAKE

Members of the Whitin Machine Works Baseball Team were guests of Lawrence M. Keeler, Jr., at a clambake held at the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club in August. In addition to the team members, more than 25 guests including Whitin executives were invited to attend the bake. The repast was followed by an entertainment of vocal and instrumental music by local and out-of-town talent. Top: Jack Ratcliffe, Harry Brown, Jr., James Brosnahan, and John Doldoorian. Middle: Talking over one of the recent games are Harley Buma, and Lou Lucier, assistant coaches; Bob Williams, coach; Bob Wood, director; and Rusty Malkasian, utility catcher. Bottom: A few of the team members and invited guests gather around the organ for a song session.

*Winder Job, Department 449. Front row, left to right: Armand Lemoine, Ronnie Lemoine, mascot, Floyd Gudanowski, Ted Poodles, Gibber Burke, Leo Either. Back row, left to right: Vern Farland, Joe Maisto, Tom Melia, Joe Monfreda, Sooey DeGaetano, Chuck Wade, Mossy Murray. Absent when picture was taken: Jim Sharkey and Francis Ward*

*Plating Department, Department 431. Front row, left to right: Ben Mezynski, Varkis Ovian, Bill Magee, Paul Mathieu. Back row, left to right: Ralph Nolet, Ed Ledue, Al Emonds, Mike Ovian, Paul Blaine, Zarvis Damajarian*

# Softball Roundup

By Harold Case

As I write this, vacation time is but a few short days away and news must be in before everyone scatters to the four winds. I have gone out on a limb before so this month's column is not going to be a novelty except for the fact that this time all forecasts are involuntary (that covers me) because nothing definite has been settled in any softball league. Of course, the favorites in each league are known so, with the exception of the Shop League, perhaps we had better stick with these favorites.

Department 494 clinched the schedule winner's trophy in the Shop League, but not until the last game was the final standing settled. In order followed departments 448, 449, 429, 465, 454, 453, and 434. Now, by past performances one should stick with the top team, b since one round has been played the top team is no long on top. John Mercak pitched a three-hitter for 465 defeat 494 and it was no fluke either. This same cl beat 494 during the regular season. I am picking John boys to end up battling 449 for the championship c and I am picking the gang from 465 to come out on t

In the Recreation League Fred's Restaurant is givi me lots of support for my pre-season crystal gazing. T Woodcome team took the league schedule without t much trouble and then polished off the Gym in the ser finals 3–2 and 5–3 in two very tight ball games. Avakia and Hall–Newall had their troubles though in the ser finals. The jewelry team gave the gas men a terri shellacking in the first game to the tune of 22–3 sco Avakian's came back off the floor to take the next t games 8–6 and 6–0. Fred's have one hand on the trop by virtue of one win in the finals, 10–3 over Avakian's. think Fred's will take the second one and more power

them because this team has been in there for three years and by their record should have copped the top spot at least once during that time.

The Pops' League is far from settled. The Gym won the schedule award without too much trouble. The playoffs may be something else. So far, the series is a standoff with the Progressive Club, the Gym winning the first game 25–6; a game which should have been played with rubber boots. The P.C. took the second game 7–8. I'm picking the Gym to take the rubber game and go into the finals against Walt Lawton's team. Walt's club has beaten Mizzy's Tile in one game of the semifinals 22–11 and I look for them to win the second game. With my fingers crossed I am picking the Gym to win this league even though Lawton's team has been considerably strengthened over last year.

St. Patrick's won the church league schedule and are locking bats with Methodist-Trinity in the semifinals, and Christian Reform, the runner-up, is up against the "Congos." I haven't seen too many of these church league games, but for the record it is St. Patrick's on top this year for the third straight time.

One more league to go and the '51 season will be wrapped up. The Girls' League ended in a tie between Der-S-Debs and Curries Cuties, each team having a record of 7 and 1. A two-out-of-three series is being played to settle the championship and on the basis of the first game results I am sticking with the Debs. They won the first and only game played so far 17–7.

If I have guessed wrong on any of these leagues, call me up or write a letter. I'll have a good excuse ready by the time vacation "daze" are over.

*Tool Job, Department 454. Front row, left to right: Nina Iafolla, John Gauthier, Captain Fred Rondeau, Alfred Morin, Eugene Lussier. Back row, left to right: Rudy Gniadek, Ira Noroian, Art Barsey, manager, Gene Caron, Hertsen Heerdt, Mike Petrowicz, Francis Mackowiak. Phil Skillen, Herman Haagsma and Ray Jorritsma were absent when photo was taken*

*Freight House, Department 453. Front row, left to right: James Rice, Preston Connor, Paul Oliver, P. Dagirnianjian. Back row, left to right: Arthur Gauthier, Al Castiglioni, John Mahoney, Ernest SanSouci, Edward Orian*

*Three in a row . . . Deborah, Thayer and Henry Oosterman, grandchildren of Jake Feddema, Department 411*

*This is Jeffrey H. Perry, the two-year-old son of Mrs. Morrice Perry of the Cost Department*

*Gerald E. Dobl son of Oscar Doble of Depar ment 442*

*This little miss is Sylvia Jane Wh daughter of Everett White of Depa ment 417*

*A doll with her dolly. Laura Jean Miedema is the nine-month-old daughter of Harmon Miedema, General Machining*

*Two of a kind. Calvin and Mark Dolin are the grandchildren of Hugh Mateer, Comber Job*

*These vivacious young ladies are Marlene and Marylin Couture, the daughters of Robert H. Couture of Department 448*

*This young man is Richard S. Ramsbotham, Jr., son of Richard Ramsbotham, Department 494*

*The expression on Thomas Wharton's face would indicate that he meant business with that rod. Thomas and Deborah are grandchildren of Thomas Eccleston of Department 435*

*This curly-haired young fellow is George Picard whose daddy is Raymond Picard of Department 407*

*"Miss Curiosity" is Linda Mary Prior, three-month-old daughter of Bill Prior, Department 402*

*Above is James Robert Forsythe, 10-month-old son of Everett Forsythe of the Freight House Office*

*These pretty misses are Jean and Elaine Gauthier, daughters of John Gauthier of Department 454*

# Small Fry

*is studious young man is Eddie sey, grandson of Elmo Pickering of Department 426*

*At right is Deborah Ann Dumas, daughter of Walter Dumas, Department 411*

*Below: "Happy birthday to you, Amy Bartlett." Amy is the three-year-old daughter of Nelson Bartlett, Department 440*

*Looking at the birdie is Judy Malkasian, great-granddaughter of Moses Mantashigian, elevator operator. Judy is 17 months old*

*At left are Bonnie Ruth Graves and Bradford Robin Graves, children of Roland B. Graves, Material Handling Division*

*Douglas "Skipper" Carr, Jr., Judith Ann Carr and Jeannie Lou Carr are the handsome grandchildren of Mrs. Anniebella Lemay of the Ring Job*

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## PICKER SMALL PARTS, PICKER ERECTING AND DRAWING DEPARTMENTS

*by Syd Miedema*

New Home enthusiasts at 446 are increasing. Francis Lowe completed his home in Uxbridge and the family is happy in their new surroundings. . . . Christine Rajotte's home will be ready for occupancy this month and Paul Asadorian has taken over a three-decker home on Belmont Street, Worcester.

Conrad Allard of South Bellingham, doesn't mind his children waking him up at night occasionally, but what he does dislike is the owl which starts hootin' at 3 a.m., waking the whole family, including the baby. The rings under Conrad's eyes show the ordeal through which he is going.

Robert Lariviere, a member of the Air Force Reserve, has left for duty, as this unit was activated September first. Members of the department presented him with a purse of money. . . . Is anyone wondering why Jim McTeer changed from his straw hat to his felt a month ahead of time? The straw was the victim of a recent downpour.

## MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

*by Aileen Blakely*

Chesterline Cichonski and her sister Violet spent a week at Hampton Beach. . . . Heddy Marshall spent a week of her vacation at her sister Gloria's in Hingham. . . . Burnham "Cookie" Cook and his family have recently returned from a three-week vacation in Nova Scotia. . . . Leone St. Sauveur also had a Nova Scotian vacation. . . . We wish to welcome back Henry Osterman who recently returned from Korea. While serving with the Armed Forces, Henry received the Bronze Star, the Medal of Commendation and the Purple Heart with two stars. . . . We can call Joe Prendergast "Gramps" now. He became a granddad July 17. . . . Cedric Andrews and his family recently spent a week in Maine and another week at the Cape. . . . A double shower was held at the Polish Hall in Uxbridge, August 4 in honor of the engagement of Helen Gautreau, Department 460, and Mike Villemaire of Department 412. Many friends attended. Lorraine Menard and Sophie Smith, clerks at Department 460, were hostesses.

## CARDS, SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

*by Millie Turgeon*

*Vacation Headlines:* Glen Leveille and family have planned to vacation at the Cape. . . . Bernie Lefevre and his wife are going to Falmouth for a vacation. . . . Joe Scott and his family are leaving here to live in California. This will be almost a "permanent" vacation. . . . Eddie Jablonski left us during the vacation period, to return to school. He starts his first year at Wentworth Institute to study machine designing and tool making. In the last issue, it was reported that Jennie Saunders vacationed at Silver Lake, R. I. Actually, it was Spring Lake. We bring this correction to your attention. . . . Vacation reminder: Don't forget to bring in pictures and stories of your vacations.

Elsie Belrose is the only newcomer to our department this month. Elsie formerly was a drill operator on the Milling Job. She recently rejoined the Company and has been placed with us as an inspector. . . . From a reliable source, we understand that Chewie Lucier's snack before retiring at night consists of dog biscuits and milk.

*This picturesque island in West Southport, Maine, is owned by Al Atwood, his brother-in-law, and a friend of theirs. Al's family spends the summers there enjoying bathing, fishing, and digging clams*

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

Lester Wallace has been with the Garage for 30 years. During that time he has driven five different trucks: Pierce Arrow, International, Ford, Dodge, and GMC. Lester is a native of Whitinsville and has lived at Prospect Street all his life. His hobby is smoking cigars.

The boys of Department 466 lost their first game of the season to Croteau's Rice City Tigers. It was a tough game to lose because the Yard Birds had to pay for the keg of beer. Tony Campo pitched and Joe Roy did the catching. After the first two or three innings Tony handcuffed the Rice City gang. The Tigers got about 10 runs in the first three innings on about 15 errors. Then the Yard Birds settled down and retired the next 10 or 12 men in order. Every half inning or so Earl Simmons would rush out onto the field with refreshments for his club. Paul Fontneau played first with Marc Patterson on second and Tom Crawford and Earl Simmons at short and third respectively. Lou LeBlanc started out in left but due to a little trouble with his batting eye he retired. Dick Parker, Mama Audett, Roland Lussier, Henry Walmsly, and Carmy Duso took care of the outfield. The Yard Birds nearly won the game in the seventh when they staged a four-run rally on three hits and a homer by Marc Patterson. Then the rally died and the boys pitched in for the beer. There were plenty of laughs with Henry Walmsly flying over first base and the collision in right field. The umping was not exactly major league but Smith, Walt Shugrue, Doe and James "I forgot my glasses" Fallon lasted the whole game. Joe Croteau gave a demonstration on picking up a ground ball by letting it bounce off his stomach. He managed his team in pretty good style, and not one man could round first base while he covered that spot. The Yard Birds went into extra innings and Earl Simmons' daughter set the side down in quick order and also contributed a hit. Lou LeBlanc (who was now coaching second) called her out on a pretty close play and he nearly lost his job. The Tigers and Birds will meet again to even up the score. This time we hope the refreshments will be on the house. The Yard Birds challenge any team in the Shop who can prove that they can give them a little opposition.

Alex St. Germain of Millbury recently celebrated his 62nd birthday. His friends gave him quite a party and presented him with a purse of money and many gifts. . . . Chester Roaf spent his vacation at Buttonwoods which is located near Oakland Beach, R. I. Chester works for the Garage Department. . . . John Grocki and family spent their vacation in New York and from all the post cards which the boys received, he must have added considerable mileage on that new DeSoto. . . . Francis Tellier, formerly of the Garage, and now of California, recently stopped in to see the boys. From all appearances the climate is agreeing with him. . . . Louis Yacino, Bill Boileau and Harold Sizer went on a yachting trip at Webster Lake. The water was quite choppy, but they had a good time, with water wings and all. . . . Gordon Milkman vacationed at Cape Cod. His dance-circle friends missed him very much.

## FOUNDRY DEPARTMENT

*by Robert Ferry*

The Foundry supervisors held their first annual outing July 28 at the summer cottage of Roland and Mrs. Hanson. A first-class shore dinner was served by the men, and everyone had their fill including Chow Hound Chet. The activities included a softball game which ended in a tie. Mr. Ebbeling, who was umpire, had to be removed and Mrs. Hanson took over. During the game, the Fire Department was nearly called as matches in Hanson's pants pocket caught fire. A good time was enjoyed by everyone, and they look forward with anticipation to next year's outing.

## WINDER JOB

*by Mossy Murray*

Happy birthday to the boy with the winsome smile, Carl Nyquist, who was 18 last month. . . . Donald Craig who has been with us for the summer as an inspector has left to resume his studies at Norwich University. . . . Kay Meagher was seen with a very shiny nose, not due to the lack of face powder, but to the addition of a little grease. Happy birthday, Kay! . . . Bob Croteau underwent an operation at Memorial Hospital. We hope that he will be back with us soon. Jim Sharkey is making every effort of keeping the line going, Bob. . . . George Cotnoir was absent because of walking pneumonia. We welcome him back without the pneumonia. . . . Our wishes for a speedy recovery are rushed to Sam Luksys who was injured while working on his farm.

The "little world series" of the Whitin Machine Works Softball League was in session when this column was written. Your representatives on the diamond have done well by us all, by not only getting into the playoffs but also by taking the first game of the series, 7 to 6. The victory was due to the hitting of Charles Gibber Burke, the fielding of Ted Poodles and the pitching of Chuck Wade.

By the way, did you know that the doughnut makers are going in the hole again this year? . . . Did you know that all the country doctors are hoping for a poor apple crop this season!

## SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

*by Harold Ingham*

More than 1200 people were present at the CIO clambake, held recently at the Polish grounds in Plummers. The caterers from Milford were excellent and they are to be commended for their fine service. Many of us feel that this was the finest bake yet. The Committee deserves praise for their excellent arrangements. There were sports for children and adults. Prizes for the winning children were two silver dollars.

*News from the Fish and Game Club:* Bob Britton and Alvin Wahlman released 200 of the finest looking pheasants seen in a long time. Also Paul Mintoff and Clause Vandyke report the white hare they released last spring should provide wonderful entertainment so, oil up your guns fellow sportsmen—the hunting season is just around the corner.

## DEXTER CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Dexter, Maine, the town in which our Fayscott plant is located, celebrated its 150th Anniversary, July 4, 1951. Among the many parade spectacles was the Fayscott exhibit of a KFS Drawing Frame and a Model L Card in operation. The power to operate the machines was supplied by batteries taken from the plant's electric trucks. The machines ran perfectly throughout the parade. In this picture below, we see John "Red" Kortecamp, chief inspector, operating the drawing frame on the right. John is well known in Whitinsville. The float, pictured above, represents Fay & Scott, originally the manufacturers of lathes, but since becoming a subsidiary of the Whitin Machine Works. The plant now manufactures textile machinery.

Don't forget the meeting this month: Thursday, September 20. Everyone will be anxious to know the locations of the game. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

*Here and there:* The long awaited new sink for Department 452 has arrived. . . . Everyone will be on time nowadays to get their bus, thanks to Eddie Horan for getting that extra clock, a greatly needed item. . . . I am told that there are plenty of hammers and nails in the Fairlawn Section for George Dykstra's up and coming house. He reports that there aren't any mosquitoes after six o'clock. . . . A stag party was held the 17th of August for Nego Gigarjian at the Fish and Game Club quarters. Valmore Yargeau presented Nego with a purse. Nego was married to Jacqualine Rioux of Sherbrooke, P.Q., August 27. . . . Albert Lucier, our new parts in process man, is doing an excellent job. . . . We miss Charlie Peloquin who has left us for a position in Worcester.

*Department 451 held a party which started with a weenie roast and ended with a fashion show. The model—Joe Berkowitz*

## LINWOOD DIVISION

***by Louise Sohigian***

On July 19 Kitty Badghdasarian held a weenie roast for Department 451 at her home on Quaker Street. Despite the rainy weather everyone had a swell time. After eating the group entered the house and finished up the evening by playing some real nifty games. . . . A double birthday celebration was held on July 27 for William Smith and Joe Berkowitz at the Riverside A.C. The cake was donated by Lillian Roberts and may we add that it was good! Candles were also lit for Joe Janczk, Ray Blanchard, and Kitty Badghdasarian. . . . Everyone is certainly glad to see that we have Albert Cupka back to work with us after being out on sick leave. . . . We are also sorry that Harry Malkasian has been out sick for quite some time. We hope that he will soon be with us. . . . Reggie Demeague of Department 450 answered the appeal of the Red Cross and donated blood.

## COMBER SMALL PARTS

***by Hector Chase***

Norman Gagnon of Woonsocket left us to join the Navy. The gang wishes the best of luck to Norman. . . . Leo D'Arcangelo has left our employ to enter the carpentry business for a firm in Milford. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gilchrist and family are enjoying a vacation at Vinalhaven, Maine. . . . The Comber Job did not discover until recently that Mrs. Arthur Haagsma was vacationing in Grand Rapids, Mich. We discovered the news quite by accident and that was when Arthur came in with dishpan hands. . . . Birthdays were celebrated last month by Ainslee Westover, Henry Todd, Arthur Vandyke, Georgia Lamson, Edmond Allega, Harold Leoncini, Joseph Borswicz, Helen Bedigian, and Robert Holmes. Birthdays which are being observed this month are by Norman Stanley, Erasmo Valente, and Arthur Haagsma.

### (AN ANONYMOUS ON-THE-SCENE REPORT)

Ambition rode high in the Syd Miedema family one Saturday as Syd, and two children, started to gather for themselves a health ration of blueberries. In the process of picking there were visions of blueberry pies for Syd, sweetened blueberries and milk for the children, and for Mrs. Miedema, the satisfaction of helping to make the family happy with her efforts. Five long hours later came the reward for their combined efforts in the form of 10 lovely quarts of berries. Although they were very pleased with their loot, they were also very tired, dusty, and slightly scratched, so they sat down to rest for a few minutes. Ah, it was wonderful! Shortly, Mr. and Mrs. Miedema had the family herded into the car. As they started away a woeful crash was heard and the crash brought about the revelation that those hard-earned berries had not been placed in the car—they were the victim of their picker's poor memory.

*Ray Valente, of the Comber Job, believes in growing big tomatoes. Many of his prize tomatoes weighed three pounds*

## GRINDER JOB

***by Virginia Burke***

Happy birthday wishes for July and August to Al Buma, Joe Adams, Bill Todd, and George Moran. . . . The Bill Todds celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary last month. . . . Ten-year service pins were recently presented to Joe Adams, and Vic Fagnant. A five-year service pin was presented to Joe Harringa. . . . Bob Burns is on the sick list. . . . Bob Holmes, our inspection student, leaves us this month to attend Clark University where he will major in mathematics.

Our personality for the month is Jeannette Sisoian. Jeannette was born in Whitinsville and attended Northbridge schools. She came into the Shop in 1939 and started work on the Bolster Job. She later worked on the Gear Job. During the war, she transferred to Department 426 where she has been for nearly 11 years. She is a lathe operator. Jeannette lives with her family and son on Border Street. Her son, Aram, a member of the Junior High School, is able to play many musical instruments. Her hobbies are housework and watching baseball. Jeannette is well liked on the job for her happy, friendly manner.

Narrow Escape: Joe Adams sat by the window reading the evening paper when he heard the shattering of a window pane behind him, and felt a stinging pain in his head, almost in the same moment. He put his hand to his head, and felt a gash. He didn't have to be further convinced that it was a bullet wound. A neighbor rushed him to the hospital where a .22 caliber bullet was removed; two stitches were required to close the wound. Joe was alone when this happened and is firmly convinced he had a very narrow escape. Needless to say, we are happy and thankful that Joe escaped from what could have been a more serious accident.

The Night Hawks contribute their bit to our news. . . . Congratulations to Arthur Caron who celebrated his birthday and wedding anniversary on August 7. . . . The Union Clambake made news for us. Archie Jacobs rode the ponies all afternoon, the poor kiddies didn't have a chance. . . . We welcome Edward Sokolski, the new timekeeper and bid farewell to Norman Deragon.

## AUTOMATIC SCREW JOB

***by Connie Campo***

New faces in our department this month are Robert Hamblin and Cornelius Hourihan on the day shift; Raymond Langlois, Nelson Bosma and Robert Beauregard on the night shift. We also welcome Blanche Cassista to our office. Blanche formerly worked in Department 436. . . . Joe Martin, formerly

*Believe it or not, Dave Lash of Sub-Contracting, took this excellent picture of himself 53 years ago. The bulb for opening and closing the shutter is shown in his right hand*

of this department, before being recalled into the service, is now in Greece. He expects to be home sometime in October. . . . On August 15, the girls in the office took Mabel Holmes and Susan Susienka out to dinner. Sue is leaving to be married and Mabel is taking a leave of absence.

## ROVING SMALL PARTS, ERECTING AND FLYER JOB

*by Dan Gonlag*

Recent transfers to the Erecting Floor are Ernest Vandal and John Wilson from Spinning; John Desantos, Donald Simmons, Arnold Pickering from the Picker Job; Robert Benoit, John Stefancik, Peter Young, Gabriel Carpentier, Arthur Lapierre from the Card Job; while on 427, Lucien Vivequin comes to us from the Gear Job; Norman Frigon is a new man from Woonsocket; Richard Pleau comes from a machine shop in Denver, Colo.; and Bob Sanger comes from the Air Corps. Our new inspector is Henry Giguere of Woonsocket.

Time clerk Mary Fontaine has been vacationing at Poponesset, Cape Cod, while Arthur Shevchenko, job planner, had a week's vacation at Hyannisport. . . . Milton Murray of the USA Signal Corps was a recent visitor in the Department following his transfer from Camp Gordon, Georgia to Virginia. Milt recently became engaged to Bertha Robidaux of Northbridge. . . . Lester Murray has been a patient at Whitinsville Hospital with a case of pneumonia.

Hats off to the fishermen on the Flyer Job. Seven men caught about 700 pounds of fish, Saturday, July 28. The fellows were Aldor Belanger, Roland Christian, Orel Cogbill, Henry Harper, George Plitouke, Joel Rascoit, and Malcolm Sweenie. This is the fourth time that men on the Flyer Job have made a record catch.

*John Malley, of the Flyer Job, and of Pascoag, R. I., caught this seven-pound 11-ounce largemouth bass on a "Jitterbug"*

## PURCHASE-INSPECTION, DRILLING AND JOBBING DEPARTMENTS

*by Frances Kenney*

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelliher celebrated their 22nd anniversary August 12. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Wile celebrated their 28th anniversary July 28, and Mr. and Mrs. Dimitry Pristawa celebrated their 10th anniversary on September 6. Our congratulations and best wishes to each of you. . . . Birthdays for the month of August were celebrated by Helen Demague, Lester Hewett, and William Boudreau. . . . Mrs. Jennie Scott of Department 489 will be leaving for sunny California in the near future. Our thoughts go with Jennie on her trip for she will be missed by all of us. . . . Grace Belval is in the Baker Memorial Hospital in Boston and Lillian Benjamin is recuperating at home. We wish you both a speedy recovery and hope that you will be back with us in the very near future.

*Joseph Bartlett, Department 411, participating in a motorcycle hill climbing contest at Willimantic, Conn., in 1924*

## STOCK ROOM

*by John Mahoney*

In our office we have welcomed the return of Tommy Melia who was discharged from the Marines. . . . Robert Lamora and Ernest Arsenault are two new chaps who hail from Milford. They are 406 expeditors. . . . "Bill" Spencer was recently appointed chief expeditor at 406. We are all pleased with Bill's promotion and wish him luck. . . . One newcomer for the summer is Patricia "Pat" O'Connell, a student at State Teachers College. Pat is really doing well and her cheerfulness and determination is certainly appreciated by the office group.

Phil Sorel certainly has good news. Her son Leo, who participated in many important battles in Korea, has returned home with his discharge. . . . Now for some vacation highlights: Irene LeBlanc Croke, who celebrated her first wedding anniversary on August 21, vacationed with her husband in Narragansett and Maine. . . . Margaret "Peg" Dalzel spent one week at Nantasket Beach. . . . Mary Mahoney Rice vacationed at Old Orchard and Gert Brennan

*Eddie Felice, No. 5 Stock Crib, caught this 42-pound striper at Provincetown*

toured Montreal, Quebec, and other places of interest in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mahoney celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary August 2 with an open house at their home. Their guests enjoyed a roast turkey supper. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary recently.

Our personality-of-the-month is Marguerite Londergan, the quiet, sophisticated stock clerk at 406, who is well known throughout Whitinsville. Maggie is a graduate of Northbridge High School; she resides with her parents at C Street, Whitinsville. She is a girl anyone would like to have around on a sunny or cloudy day, for she can give anyone the spirit to laugh and be gay. Maggie is especially noted for her singing, which we hear at intervals. Yes, Maggie, the girl with the laughing Irish eyes is always certain to have a flock of friends. . . . Word has been received that William "Hickey" Healey is a patient at Maine Memorial Hospital in Portland. Also, Pete Johnson has returned to Worcester Memorial Hospital. Hurry back boys, we miss you.

## RING JOB

*by Everett A. Gaspar*

It was good to see Gerry Larochelle return to work after his illness. The Job hopes to see Dorothy Stienstra, Louis Laflamme, and Al Pariseau back with us very soon. Also Conrad Tremblay after his operation. Andre Lambol has recovered from the severe effects of his sunburn.

*Art Barsey is a first class jig borer hand*

*Peter Cooper, in his spare time, operates a rooming house in Hudson*

*Tom Blackburn, pitcher on the Whitin baseball team, plans to continue his studies at Deerfield Academy this fall*

Mrs. Virginia Hamlin enjoyed the Pennsylvania scenery when she went to Erie to attend the wedding of Francis Stanovich. . . . We have had a lot of changes of personnel. Willie Guertin has transferred to 406 and the following have joined us: Frank Troiano of Worcester; Carol McCrea of town; Lorretta Jacques from 406, Maurice Blais of Rochdale, Bill Finney, Domina Cadorette, a Ring-Jobber from way back, and Roland Roy, all of Linwood; Madelyn Libby of Northbridge, who was once in Production; Marcel Morin of Manchaug; and Henry Brisson of Fisherville.

Our girl of the month is Flossie Hayward of Uxbridge. Flossie was born in Uxbridge and has always lived there, attending its schools and graduating from Uxbridge High School in 1936. She worked as a waitress at the Duncan Inn, Blackstone, for one year and has been employed at the Shop for eight years, including positions in the Freight House, Magneto Job, Spindle Job and on our department for two years. Her hobbies include needlework, driving her '49 Ford, watching television and caring for her twin nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Turgeon were honored on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary August 11, at the Progressive Club in North Uxbridge, with 125 guests attending from Ontario, Central Falls, Vt.; Uxbridge, and town. Joe married the former Rose Audette in St. Matthew's Church in Central Falls, August 16, 1926. They have two children, Viola and Robert.

## TOOL JOB

*by George Jones*

*Personality:* Arthur Barsamian, or Art Barsey, as he is better known, has been chosen the September personality of the Tool Job. Art is very good-natured and is always a fine fellow to have around. One thing Art never learned was how to get angry. He was born in Boston and lived the first six years there before moving to Whitinsville. He attended the schools in the town of Northbridge and served his apprenticeship as a toolmaker in the Shop, starting in 1929. He now is a first class jig borer hand. Music is his first hobby and he is very talented in this line. He plays the violin and drums. Three different large bands have carried the name of Art Barsey because Art organized them and he was their leader. These bands have played the eastern seaboard from Maine to the Mason-Dixon Line and at one time shared Danny Duggan's Ball Room with Artie Shaw. Art still has a four-piece orchestra that plays American and Oriental music. A four-piece orchestra could easily be made in the family. His sister, Varva, of Department 451, plays the trumpet; sister Cora of the Paint Job, played the drums in the N.H.S. band, and brother George of the Metal Pattern Job plays saxophone and clarinet. Art's wife and son play the piano.

Art's second hobby is sports. At one time he was a very good track man, running under the colors of the Whitin Gymnasium. In 1931 Art ran in the B.A.A. 26-mile Patriots' Day Marathon and came in 31st, with 254 runners competing, some of whom came from all over the world. Art is the manager of the 454 Softball Team and also likes to play tennis. In civic affairs he belongs to the A.R.F. Club, American Armenian Association, and is a charter member of the Whitinsville Blood Donors' Club.

On July 26, Dick Bosma of the Repair crew, and Charlie Resan, a jig and fixture man, worked all day netting the fish out of Riley Pond. They were covered with mud and were very tired, but who do you think got the glory of having his picture taken? You guessed it, Ted Lemioux (a shaper hand on 454), who had taken a walk up to watch the fish being taken out. . . . On August 2, Jim Malcus (Jig and Fixtures) and Harry Bedigian (Small Tools) attended the Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Brown doubleheader and had the pleasure of sitting in the sky view seats. If Tom Yawkey had known that Big Jim was a Yankee rooter, they would have had to sit in the center field bleachers. . . . Walter Richardson (a repair man on the night shift) carries the nickname of Dagwood since he supplied the laughs one evening when he tried to get his 36-inch waist into a pair of pants measuring 20 inches. The pants were his son's and Walter took them to work by mistake.

Harvey Comtois of the Welding Room took his wife and son on a deep-sea fishing trip out of Plymouth one Sunday. The Comtois family proved that they are not very good sailors by all getting seasick. Harvey says that he was so sick he doesn't know yet who pulled up his line. . . . Charles B. Munsch, a repair man for the last three years on Department 454, bid farewell to the Whitin Machine Works on August 10. Munsch has been a member of the 102nd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron of Rhode Island Air National Guard and is being Federalized. After a three weeks' vacation he will report to the South Main St. Armory in Woonsocket for induction into the U. S. Air Force and will then go to Keesler Field, Miss., for electronic schooling. . . . The Maintenance, Welding and Crib men have to work the week the plant is closed so, at this writing, vacations have been enjoyed by the following: Joe Dymek, repair man, spent his vacation at Hampton Beach, N. H. Roger O'Keefe, crib attendant, spent a week in the mountains of New Hampshire. Joseph Forcier, our very accommodating time clerk, is on a well-earned vacation in Canada. This is the first vacation Joe has had for quite a few years. Arthur Richards (crib attendant) spent the last week of July motoring through upper New York State. Sid Baker, Small Tool supervisor, made use of his vacation by putting in a new asphalt driveway and going to different beaches. Gene Tatro, Welding Room, went fishing at Cape Cod the first week of August. Bill Hall (Maintenance man) spent the week of August 5 in his home town of Friendship, Maine.

The Tool Job Sick Benefit Club voted at the January meeting to give a military set to all the service men from 454. The set comes in a beautiful leather case and consists of a comb, brush, soap case, toothpaste holder, after-shaving lotion bottle, toothbrush case, razor case, nail file, shoe horn, and mirror. At the present time there have been nine thankful recipients of these sets. . . . Joe Brisson, a repair man on the night shift, bought himself a new outboard motor and

was going to show the boys some super power. When he started the motor, the boat stood on end and the back panel of the boat came loose from the sides.

The new man on the night shift in the cutter grinding room is Walter Dunn and he comes from Fisherville. He formerly worked for Felters Manufacturing Co. in Millbury. . . . There was moaning and groaning in the cutter grinding room Friday afternoon, August 10. Armand Auclair got his first Whitinsville haircut during the noon hour. He told the barber he wanted a little off the top and then closed his eyes to rest. What he got was a brush cut! . . . Softball: The Tool Job Softball Team ended the scheduled season with 10 wins and 6 losses and was in sixth place which made it eligible for the playoffs. In the very first game of the playoffs it was eliminated by Department 448 by a score of 8 to 3.

## SPINDLE JOB

*by Ed Bates*

Peter Cooper has been with the Whitin Machine Works since September, 1925. Peter's first job was working with George Gill on the Roll Job. He later was with the Woodworking Department and following this joined Charles Sisson on the Box Job. About 1930 he started work on the Spindle Job and his present work involves finish straightening spindles. Peter has a rooming house in Hudson, Mass., and resides there. He likes to spend his spare time in his woodworking shop and combines this pastime with keeping his 23 rooms in repair.

*Around the Job:* Joseph Antosh, who lives in Bellingham and works on Department 439, received his five-year service pin on July 23. . . . Ernest Tessier, who lives in Farnumsville, also received his five-year pin recently. . . . Ysbrand Brouwer, who is retired, was in to visit his friends recently. He enjoys fishing very much and has been taking advantage of every opportunity to go. . . . Edwin Stevens, who sets up and runs a lathe, has returned after a three weeks' illness. Welcome back, Ed. . . . We welcome the many newcomers to the Job.

## BOX JOB

*by Bernice Taylor*

We have several summer workers in our Department. Eddie Naroian, who has been with us for a few weeks, has just graduated from the University of Massachusetts. Ed accomplished the unusual feat of receiving his master's degree in four years. This, as a rule, takes at least five years. Ed will be teaching geography in Uxbridge Jr. High School this coming season. . . . William Lodder, who also lives in town, will continue his studies at Norwich University in Vermont where he will major in civil engineering. George Hamilton, a Bates College graduate, will study for his master's degree in history at Boston University this fall. . . . Baseball has always been a paramount subject of interest at this time of year. This summer we have a pitcher of the game working for us. He is Tom Blackburn who hails from West Upton. Tom is pitching for Whitin this year and is doing a very good job. He will continue his studies by attending Deerfield Academy. Next year he is planning to matriculate at Brown University. Department 440 says best of luck to all of you, and may you find success in your newly started careers. . . . We are most glad to welcome Raymond Gervais and Lucien McDonald from our town and Rene Pigalargi, a transfer from Department 421, who lives in Milford.

*Tom Crawford, on the left, was the man in our Photo Mystery last month. The man with the derby hat, on the right, came from Scotland in 1913. Do you know him?*

Through the intense interest of Bill O'Brien, Department 440 has been fortunate enough to join the Shop Bowling League which consists of 16 teams. The boys who will bowl for the Box Job are as follows: Paul Grenon, Paul Roy, Ralph Nolet, Mike Ovoian, Benny Oles and William O'Brien. Oby predicts a banner season for us.

Our blood donors were Arthur Landry, Elphege Lariviere and Bernice Taylor. . . . Congratulations go to Alfred Emond this month. He was awarded his five-year pin by foreman Al Blanchette. . . . And so, by next month, we hope Johnny O'Brien will have figured out just how it happened that he woke up one fine morning wearing his necktie. . . . And, the office fervently prays that Bernice will either learn how to yodel or give it up as a bad job. Terry Merolli is very adept at this talent, but I guess it just isn't contagious.

## BLACKSMITH SHOP AND ANNEALING ROOM

*by Claire Lapierre*

*Personality of the Month:* Newell "Newkie" Wallace, assistant foreman in the Annealing Room has been with Whitin's for 29 years. During this time, he has worked in several departments. He is an active member and

*Henry Lamontagne, of the Hardening Room, was a happy man the day his son Edward returned safe and sound from Korea. Edward is shown with his father, mother, and brother Henry, Jr.*

*The Worcester County Association of Polish-American Citizens Clubs held its fifth annual outing at the Plummers grounds on Saturday, July 28. Despite a heavy downpour of rain, clubs from the following county towns were well represented: Worcester, Gardner, Clinton, Fitchburg, Southbridge, Webster, Dudley, Whitinsville, Blackstone, Douglas, Farnumsville and Millville. Top: Among those serving on the picnic committee were Frank Bikes, co-chairman, from Whitinsville; Walter Berkowicz, Millville; John Smith, Gardner; and Frank Boratyn, Whitinsville. Joseph Jeziorski, of Uxbridge and Josephine Trajanowski, Edward Kmiotek, and Albert Trajanowski, of Whitinsville, were absent when photograph was taken. Bottom: Also on the committee were Albina Berkowicz, secretary of the local club, co-chairman; Paul P. Rutana, president of the Whitinsville Club, general chairman; and Stella A. Ciborowski, president of the Polish-American Citizens Club of Worcester County.*

## GLEE CLUB SINGS AT TOOL ENGINEERS' MEETING

Ralph Baker, foreman of the Tool Job, and president of Worcester Chapter 25, American Society of Tool Engineers, is chairman of the chapter's Annual Executives' Night, which is being held at the Hotel Sheraton, Worcester, October 9. Four hundred persons are expected to be present.

The guest speaker of the evening will be Mr. Tell Berna, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is general manager of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

Among the invited guests who will be present are Jacob Demuth, of St. Louis, national president of the Society; Harry Conrad, of Detroit, national secretary of the organization; and top executives from fourteen of the major industries in Worcester and the County.

The Whitin Male Glee Club, under the direction of C. Alexander Peloquin, will provide the evening's entertainment.

vice-chairman of the Whitin Male Glee Club. His father, Thomas Wallace, retired two months ago after working here for 51 years. He has two brothers who also work here, Thomas, in Production, and Edward, who is an outside erector. Newkie is an ardent baseball fan, and a great Red Sox rooter. His favorite hobbies are music, sports, and gardening.

*Department News Notes:* Edward Vadenais, Jr., formerly at 408, has been transferred to the Shipping Department. . . . Congratulations to Nicholas DeLuca on receiving his five-year pin. . . . We welcome back Albert Morvan who has been a patient at St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester. . . . We welcome to 409 Haig Minasian, replacing Steven Waterman, who has left the shop to accept a job in New Hampshire. . . . Also, we are glad to see George St. Germain back again. . . . We are sorry to hear that William "Bill" Woodcock, foreman of 409, is a patient at Memorial Hospital, Worcester. We hope you will be back real soon, Bill.

*Service News:* Normand St. Pierre who worked in the Annealing Room before entering the service, spent a 15-day furlough with his family, recently. His father, Albert, operates the tool hardening furnace at 408. Normand is now stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C. . . . Edward Lamontagne, formerly employed on the Grinding Job before joining the service, is spending a 30-day furlough with his family. His father, Henry, worker at 408, says it is a very happy family reunion. Edward has just returned from Korea, after being there a year. After his furlough, he will report to Camp Devens.

## STEEL FABRICATING AND CUTTING-OFF JOBS

***by Herb Blakely***

*Personality of the Month:* One of the best-liked fellows in Department 432 is Walt Nadolink, a lay-out man. Walt graduated from Trade School where he studied all phases of welding. He is now able to weld, grind, or assemble. Walt is married and lives in Worcester with his wife and two children. His hobbies are working around his newly purchased home, and spending time at any lake—just fishing. He acts as guest speaker at many events and is known for his clever wit and quick comebacks. He has four years with the Whitin Machine Works and his ambition is like ours—he wants to be a millionaire.

Leonard Walenty of Department 436 is sporting a new Chevrolet. . . . Russ Holland expects to spend his vacation at Dennisport on the Cape. . . . Gene Closson is spending two weeks at Bar Harbor, Maine. . . . John DeBoer, Jr., has left Crib 26 to finish his last year of high school. Keep your eye on him as he appears with the Northbridge basketball squad this year!

Simon Bosma, foreman of the Cutting-Off Job, is flying down to Georgia with his family to visit his son. . . . Jerry Lemire was "put out" by the item in this column referring to his being a "loyal Red Sox" rooter. He really belongs to that (select?) group called Yankee fans. . . . Fred Bechette

Department 410 is coming along well with a new home in Grafton. Fred, by the way, used to play semi-pro ball with Larry Doby of Cleveland.

Slim Charron brags daily about his wife's blueberry cupcakes. We called his bluff and he brought some in. Can't say enough about them. Real good!

## ROLL JOB

*by Cesag Onanian*

The personality for this month is John Rutana. John was born in Poland and came to America when he was 17. He settled in Whitinsville and worked in the Rockdale Mill for nine months. In June, 1912, he started with the shop in the Cast Iron Room

*John Rutana and his three sons work on the Roll Job*

where he remained for four years. In 1916, John came to work on the Roll Job under the supervision of George Gill; he has been here ever since. While with the Roll Job, he has worked under four foremen. His first job was grinding rolls to length on a grinder. After a short time, he was changed over to straightening rolls, a position which he still holds today. John was married in Whitinsville in 1915 and is the father of three sons and one daughter. His three sons also work in the Roll Job. Stanley and Joseph straighten rolls and Frank works in the heat treating room. John has been quite a musician during his life. He played the clarinet for many years and was a master at the old-fashioned polkas! He has always raised a very good garden and still maintains one although his sons do much of the work for him now. His favorite pastime is reading.

We were sorry to hear that J. W. Henalt injured his hand while operating his grinding machine. Fortunately, the accident wasn't gravely serious. . . . We are glad to see Diana L. Malo, one of our inspectors, back to work again. Diana was caring for her husband who was ill. . . . We are sorry to hear about Mrs. Forrest Peck. She was recently hit by an auto and fractured her wrist. . . . We wish to welcome Minnie Dickieson back on the job again. . . . Birthday greetings are extended to J. J. Reneau, Simon Wolock, Marian Cybulski, John Bagnoli, John Bednarz, and Mary Brown.

**What . . . WHITIN SPINDLE HOBBY SHOW**

**When . . . September 27, 28 and 29, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

**Where . . . . . Whitin Memorial Gymnasium**

No Admission Charge

## GEAR JOB

*by Agnes Spratt*

Thirty members of the Gear Job attended the Cleveland and Red Sox game on July 27 at Fenway Park. It was a grand night for fifteen others besides myself to see those Indians on the warpath—they took the game. Tickets have been purchased for the Red Sox-Yankees game on September 22. We just *know* the Yankees will do it. . . . We welcome the following to our department: Louis C. Gantnier, Wilfred Frayne, and Roland Bergeron. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jongsma (foreman of the Gear Department) spent a week in New Hampshire, recently. . . . The 420 ball team ended the season with six wins and nine losses.

## MILLING JOB

*by Marie Ebbeling*

We are happy to report that Loretta Bikes, Albert Gagnon, and Marie Ebbeling are home from the hospital again. Loretta and Marie have returned to work. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gagnon on having enjoyed 25 years of happy married life. . . . Happy birthday to Joseph Rock, John Bourgeois, Eugene Cortellessa, Phillippe Lachance, Francis Ferguson, Rose Belanger, Arthur Francoeur, Martin Tancrell, Margaret Gendron, John Mikitarian, Leonard Lacroix, Pasquale Criasia, and Ernest Buker. . . . Happy motoring to Anne Goyette who now enjoys her new Chevrolet. . . . Fifty men from the night shift attended the clambake at Crescent Park.

*A number of our employees will recall their grade school days when they see this photograph taken in 1916 of the sixth grade in the Grove School. First row, from the left: Francis Miller, Archie Blouin, George Hamilton, Brendon Cahill, Peter Cooper, Ralph Wood, and Simon Heslinger. Second row: Helen Carpenter, Helen Feen, Alice Carrol, Elizabeth Dean, Irene Riley, Elsie Oosterman, and Amy Owen. Third row: Agnes Thompson, Elmer Wheeler, Edward Connors, Archie Heslinga, Sarah Thompson, Edith Kroll, Edith Ramsey, Annie Matthewman, and Earl Williams. Fourth row: Napoleon Duschene, Hugh Currie, Timothy Andrews, Romeo Gervais, Charles VandenAkker, Clifford Court, "Doc" Maguire, Maynard Feddema, and John Fanning*

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

Calm, cool, arrested, I mean, rested, after your vacations? To let the readers know: We had to have our news in by August 15 so that explains the idea of trying to get your vacation plans beforehand. Later on in the column I have tried to mention everyone that I could reach. Any errors or omissions will be rectified. . . . The bowling team has entered the Shop League and if we have the same success as our softball team, we should do pretty well. At this time, our softball team has won the first of two games in the playoffs and if they win one more, they will be eligible for the finals. These results, of course, will be known, before the issue of this SPINDLE. Let's go, Bunty Gauthier. I want to make the banquet, you know. Joe Valis and Bill Hall are doing a good job of lining up and noting everything on the Bowling League.

*Garabid Kachigian, of the Spinning Floor, came to the United States from Armenia in 1912*

Champ deep-sea fisherman, Bob Couture, tells me that the fishing party held last month was quite a success. Over 150 pounds caught. A few of the boys caught the allergy, too, but after a few hours' sleep were all right. . . . Talking about fishing, Bill Leclaire related a story about Clint Tracy taking him and a group of friends to an old boyhood haunt for pout. Their catch ended up with mosquitoes, chiggers, and pond lilies. Tracy has forgotten that time marches on.

*Garden note:* Arrived just in time to hear Cecil Small tell about a baby skunk in his garden the other night and of Sally Jones up rubbing its ears. A general retreat was sounded by Les Benton, whose garden is nearby. Les, who just arrived back from a tour of duty at Ft. Devens, had the military maneuvers and all. . . . Manuel Oliver has moved from New Bedford and is now residing in Linwood with Mrs. Oliver. . . . Herb Bliss is back to work after a stay at Cushing Hospital.

Our personality for the month is Garabid Kachigian, of Department 430. He was born in Armenia and came to the United States in 1912. His first work here was in the Shop Yard under the supervision of Daniel

*Normand St. Pierre, paratrooper, recently enjoyed a 15-day furlough with his family. Normand's father Albert is employed in the Hardening Room*

Duggan. After four years he went to work on Arthur Whitin's estate on Elm Street. He returned to the Shop in 1923 and worked for Mr. Schat. From this job, he went into the Cast Iron room. Later on, Garabid started work on the Polishing Job and has been there ever since. Garabid, or "Charlie," as he is better known, recently purchased his home on C Street. He has three children: Sonia, who is in the Payroll Department of the Cornell-Dubilier Corporation; Sarkis, who is a student at Brown University; and Kachadoor, who is a carpenter in Shrewsbury. Charlie's hobbies are gardening and taking care of his grandson who is ten months old.

Now for the vacation list. The following have enjoyed vacations at the various places: *New Brunswick, Canada, and Nova Scotia*—Arthur Pellerin, Armand St. Andre, Ed Marshall, Clint White, Joe Tauper, Tom McCallum, Harold Longeway, Jeannette Aube, Phillip Vermette, and Bill Rutana. *Maine*—Bob Williams, Jake Haringa, Louis Whitten, George Nichols, Ward Guyles, Mary Murray, Earl McClean. *New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia*—Richard Noe, Walter Oolovgian, Louise Oolovgian, James and Alec Scott, James Fraser, Dick Mombourquette, Alec Wilson. *New Hampshire*—Elizabeth Fullerton, James Eastwood. *North Carolina*—Wade (Rebel) Mills. *The Cape*—Jim Woodburn.

## CHUCK JOB AND AUTOMATICS

*by Rusty Malkasian*

Vacation Scoops. . . . The State of Maine did a land office business from here. Among others who established squatters' rights "down hum" were Cecil Small and family who went to Rockport for a week to catch fish. . . . "Cookie" Barnes and Mrs. B. went to Vinalhaven for a day and stayed for a week. Cookie's mission was to catch lobster ("the finest eating thing on the face of the earth" unquote) so he had one—one at a time, that is! . . . Edgar Harpin took in the choo-choo trains and ocean pier at Old Orchard. . . . Norm Spratt didn't want to break a precedent (set 20 years ago) so he and the family went back to the Little Holland Cabins at Lake Winnepesaukee. . . . Dana Swasey paid a visit to Bar Harbor, Maine. . . . Willis Winchenback, a real down-homer, visited his sister in Warren, Maine, after visiting in Washington, D. C. . . . Walter Jordan motored to Portland with his family to visit relatives. . . . Doug Farley and family made their annual trip to Belfast. . . . Mike Germajian vacationed at Old Orchard. . . . Francis Snay was ordered to report to Hyannis at the Cape for a week by Mrs. Snay. At least, he said, it was a change from slaving over a hot stove, cooking. . . . We received word that Bob Gardner visited Niagara Falls with the Mrs. for a second honeymoon.

*Joe Dymek, Tool Job repairman, getting a suntan at Hampton Beach*

They had an enjoyable trip, no doubt, with the new Ford hitting on all eight-cylinders. . . . Toni Peroni spent a pleasant week with two other buddies visiting New York and later, Washington, D. C. . . . Rose Onanian vacationed with friends at Buzzards Bay. . . . Marion Larson and her friends had a very enjoyable stay at Lewiston, Maine. . . . Gene Bousvert spent a week with his wife at their camp near Westerly, R. I., and a few days at the Cape.

Sam St. Andre wanted to visit a scene of his youth but didn't have the time to make the trip. It seems that Sam wanted to be a cowboy when he was young so he took off for Montana. I guess his legs weren't bowed just right at the time so he caught a slow freight to Massachusetts. This year's vacation was spent taking day trips with his wife. . . . Art Houle and Mrs. Houle celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary last month. . . . Many people these days are building their own homes but Ed Rabitor is in the business of tearing homes apart. He is the foreman in charge of tearing the house down across from Flagg's Drugstore.

Ron Deschene, Ray Denault, and Mike Garabedian have been added to the inspection roster here. . . . Jim Fitzgerald has replaced Roy Swanson as job planner. Jim al-

celebrated his birthday in August. . . . Jake Hoogoian left for California by plane on Labor Day for a three-month visit with relatives. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mike Courtemanche celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on August 23.

## MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

*by R. W. Yeo*

*Personality of the Month:* James S. Ferry. Jim and his wife Ruth reside at 14 Maple Street in town. Jim started work for Whitin in 1912 and as of this December will have 39 years of service completed. Jim served his time in three different departments: 429, as a machinist; Drawing Job and Metal Patterns (Foundry), each for one year, then from 1915 until 1921, Jim worked on the Metal Pattern Job. In 1922 Jim was assistant foreman of Card Rolls until 1924. From 1924 to 1939, Jim was assistant foreman of the

*Four of a kind at Old Orchard Beach. From the left: John Mugger, Leo Tosoonian, Peter Bedrosian, and Archie Misakian*

Bolt Job when he was promoted to foreman and finally in 1942 Jim came to the Master List Department as a specifications analyst of comber, winder, bobbin loader, and cop winder machinery. He also had worsted spinning changeovers at one time.

Although Jim is well known, his father is probably better known. James R. Ferry had 70 years of active service with the Company, which is the present record here and was a town and county official for many years. The rest of Jim's family consists of two brothers and a sister who are living. Jim is a service man of World War I—he served in France. Jim's hobbies are woodcarving and flower gardening. He also follows baseball with interest. Jim is a charter member of the local Legion Post and its finance officer. He is a past grand officer of the IOOF.

Birthday greetings go to Dot Forgit, Elynore Godbout, Ray Meader, and Roland Boutiette. . . . We wish to welcome Mrs. Ann Buma who has replaced Eleanor Colonero in the Printing Room. Eleanor has accepted a position in East Douglas. . . . Vacation days for Jimmie Davidson, Jr. were spent in Boston, Narragansett, and Pomfret, Conn. . . . The Engineers won the Industrial Softball League with 14 wins and two losses. The Assembly Section had the distinction of having Barry Judson, who had the highest batting average, on the Club.

*To those who have wondered if the "Old Man" of the White Mountains was an optical illusion, this picture bears proof that this famous landmark is a true likeness of the human face. The photograph was taken by Elwin Elliott of the Freight Office, with a fixed focus camera placed at the end of a commercial telescope*

## PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

*by Freelon Morris*

Time still staggers along carrying birthdays, vacations, and new arrivals to Personnel. . . . Wage Standards and Methods both lost personnel to Personnel: Barbara Swenson from the former and Anne Brouwer from the latter. In each case, the mentioned department's loss is now our "Jane." . . . Lois Gellatly and Bob Wood both picked another point on Daddy Time's scoreboard. Neither of them will discuss the matter of ages; however, I did happen to hear them discussing the tragic explosion at Havana Harbor; at least, I think that is what they were talking about for Bob seemed to be taking a very personal interest in the loss of the mane. You can draw your own conclusions. . . . Falmouth on the Cape had a "rainey" spell which no one objected to a couple of weeks ago. Eleanor Rainey was fortunate enough to pick a week which was attended by almost perfect weather. It has been rumored that the local Chamber of Commerce wants to employ her as a good luck weather charm.

## FREIGHT HOUSE

*by Harold Libby*

Edward O'Connor, who has been working in our Export Department, has accepted a position in the Office of Price Stabilization as an attorney. . . . Leo Gauthier, who has been connected with our Export Department, has entered the Government service. He will be located in Arkansas. . . . We welcome Kermit Bickford to the Freight House Office and John McQuade to the Receiving Department. . . . Traffic Manager John Wasiuk is back from a two weeks' vacation spent in various parts of New Hampshire. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roland Benner and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Libby have returned from a camping trip in the White Mountains.

Margaret Cawley and Beatrice Leban have returned from a few days at The Weirs, N. H. . . . Rene Picard and family have returned from a vacation spent at Bay View on Paugus Bay, N. H. . . . Mrs. Helen Conway of the Repair Shipping Department is on a trip to Toronto, Canada, and Niagara Falls. . . . We are glad to see John Kennedy back to work after his absence of six weeks due to an auto accident. . . . William Bishop, who was home from Newfoundland, was around to see us for a few days. Bill is stationed up there with the Navy. . . We welcome back Harold Bishop who has been out ill for several weeks. It is good to see him with us again.

Five-year pins were presented to Phyllis Lemoine, Leo Cote, John McDonough, Alure Labrecque, and Alfred Castigilioni. Alexander Potty received his ten-year pin.

*Robert B. Bethel, of Uxbridge, is serving with the U. S. Navy. He was a stock control auditor at Whitin before leaving for the Service*

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

*by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin*

At this writing, Lester Dermody is recuperating at Memorial Hospital, Worcester. It is our hope that Lester will be back with us soon. . . . Dick Myers returned to work on Monday, August 13, after being sidelined for five weeks as a result of an automobile accident. . . . Ernie Hippert left us and is now working at Harrington and Richardson in Worcester. Ernie's many friends wish him all the best in his new job. . . . Our congratulations to Jim Bernard for an extremely creditable performance in the C.M.G.A. (Central Massachusetts Golf Association) tourney. Jim was eliminated in the quarter finals of this tournament which features several of the better golfers in this area. Nice work, Jim, maybe "next year." Incidentally, he was only defeated by one up in his match and received a dozen golf balls for his efforts.

Jack Gilchrist spent a goodly portion of his vacation period doing some interior decorating on his home which he recently purchased. Jack says everything went fine until he papered a room. The wallpaper was a difficult pattern for a novice to match and Jack spent many an anxious moment while doing the job. Jack's only comment upon completing the job was this, "The next time there is any papering to be done, *I'll* select the paper." . . . To our temporary or summer employees who will by now be headed back to their schooling or other vocations, may we take this opportunity to say that it was nice to have you with us this summer. Due to the fact that most of you were scattered throughout the Shop, it would be difficult to name each one. However, we wish you the fullest measure of good fortune in your respective futures.

*Notes of Interest from No. 5 Crib:* New faces seen around the crib are Claire M. Bien, Helen Baron, Henry T. Manigan, James H. Colton, Jr., Karop Deragonian, and Alvin F. Hughes. . . . David Orrell spent a two weeks' vacation in Maine prior to his returning to high school. . . . Sylvia Kooistra of the office has terminated her services here to resume her studies at Calvin College in Michigan. . . . Edward Felice, pick-up man, is going to do his picking-up in the armed forces in the future. He left August 17 with good luck wishes going to him from the entire crib. Eddie is shown elsewhere in this issue with a 42-pound striped bass caught at Provincetown.

*Softball Diamond Dust.* . . . During the last stages of the regular schedule, the 465 nine played .500 ball down the stretch to gain a playoff berth. In order: No. 5 Crib fell victim by a one-sided score; they were bumped by a good Freight House outfit. Jimmie Rice's charges scored six runs in the first two innings and while we picked away throughout at this lead, we fell one run short to lose 6 to 5. Then came the game with Ken Gauthier's 448 club with the one and only Bill Leaver. Any game after this one will seem anticlimatic as we are definite underdogs. We staged the major upset of the season by winning 6 to 1. Johnny "Coo" Mercak rose to his greatest heights in turning in a superb mound exhibition that left the Erectors' bats helpless. This game marked the first appearance of Eddie Cruise, who was signed after Ernie Hippert left the shop. Eddie who had laid off the game for two years played a sensational game at the hot corner and we find we were very fortunate to find such a capable replacement at a time when we needed one most. The final game with 434 turned out to be a donnybrook with our forces getting their worst whacking of the year—18 to 10.

We drew the season's winners, 494, in the first round of the playoffs. Leo Roy's team had gone through the season with only two defeats, one by 465, and another surprise was in store for a goodly number of spectators were on hand to witness this clash, as we proceeded to crush the champs 16 to 1. "Coo" turned in another one of his performances in holding the draftsmen to three scattered hits and also helped his cause by chipping in with four hits. Johnny Davidson came up with the catch of the year when he raced in to shoestring a low liner off the bat of his uncle Adam. Eddie Cruise, Mimi Coporale, Tad Wallace, and Tom Cawley also contributed greatly to this victory.

Final season's averages for Production Department Softball Team:

| | *Games* | *AB* | *H* | *PC* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Mercak | 15 | 54 | 33 | .611 |
| Tom Cawley | 14 | 49 | 30 | .610 |
| Jack Ratcliffe | 4 | 17 | 9 | .528 |
| Ernie Hippert | 12 | 31 | 16 | .523 |
| Jim Davidson, Jr. | 12 | 59 | 30 | .509 |
| Gordon McGuinness | 9 | 18 | 9 | .500 |
| Dorsey Devlin | 12 | 42 | 19 | .450 |
| Joe Mercak | 14 | 49 | 22 | .448 |
| Paul Ullstrom | 10 | 32 | 13 | .406 |
| George Vincent | 8 | 20 | 7 | .350 |
| Adrian Donnatelli | 12 | 24 | 8 | .333 |
| Tad Wallace | 7 | 22 | 7 | .350 |
| Mimi Coporale | 12 | 40 | 12 | .300 |
| Chet Pieleski | 4 | 11 | 3 | .272 |
| Eddie Cruise | 2 | 9 | 2 | .222 |
| Joe Susienka | 9 | 23 | 5 | .215 |
| Team | | 500 | 247 | .494 |

| *Pitching Records* | *Won* | *Lost* |
|---|---|---|
| Adrian Donnatelli | 6 | 1 |
| John Mercak | 6 | 2 |
| Ernie Hippert | 0 | 1 |

*Crib No. 5 postscript:* Through an oversight we failed to mention in the August issue that the following girls were also present at the weenie roast which was held in honor of Mona Kelliher's marriage: Alice Bellione, Betty Menard, Eva Dumas, Sylvia Kooistra, Ona Fleet, Carol Kollett, Terry Girard. Those who attended presented Mona with a wardrobe case of Warren luggage.

*Whitin machinery arriving at the Algemene Kunstzijde Unie N. V. Mill, Arnhem, Holland. The boxes on the trailer contain parts for the RM Up-twisters which will be erected at the company's Kleefse Waard plant. We thank Frits Engel and his father, Mr. A. J. Engel, vice-president of the Mill, for forwarding this interesting photograph to the "Spindle"*

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

***by Peggy Deome***

Blood donors from this department were Harry Roy, Ed DesJourdy, Janet Noble, Bob Crossland, and Hollis Sargent. . . . Our first baseball casualty of the season was Ian Davidson, who tripped, while fielding a ball, and cut his right hand on a piece of glass that was on the field. We were sorry that Ian was injured but we trust that the wound is healing rapidly. . . . James Giambazi came to work the other day wearing a T-shirt and trousers but carrying his dress shirt and tie over his arm. Jim claims that it was car trouble. . . . Quite a few people have been on their vacation from the Engineering Department. Bob McCallum, Ed Potvin, and Johnny Thompson stayed home and took life easy. Stuart Visser took a trip into Canada, and he and his family visited relatives in Michigan and ended their vacation by taking a fast ride over the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Dick Ramsbotham visited his parents in New York and also spent a few days at the White Mountains. Ruth Firth and yours truly spent a week end at Hampton Beach. Harold Miller just rode around in his car with no destination in mind. Jim Arsenault spent part of his vacation by doing a little boating on Webster Lake and the remainder of it by just staying around home. Art Wilson went to Horseneck Beach in Westport, Mass., with his family. Allen Hastings and family went to Worcester for a few hours to make preparations for taking a vacation around New England, returned home, and found that their collie dog, Trudy had been injured by an auto. Their vacation week plans were halted somewhat and instead they enjoyed day trips so that they wouldn't leave the dog entirely alone. Zel Benne spent a part of her vacation in Lowell visiting

*'his picture of Henry Ebbeling, in-pector on the Spinning Floor, was iken in 1903. Would you have recognized him?*

iends, and Ferdinand Bouchard spent his acation at different beaches with his family.

The personality of the month is Mario ertone. Mario was born on April 16, 1919, Southbridge, and was one of a family of vo boys and three girls besides himself. e graduated from Northbridge High School, nd then entered the Engineers during World Var II. He saw action on Okinawa and the her South Pacific areas. After returning om the service, Mario attended Cal-Aero echnical Institute, Glendale, Calif., for 24 onths. He then began working in the Vhitin Machine Works' Engineering Deartment as a draftsman. . . . Mario has een married for four years and he and Irs. Bertone are the proud parents of a cute ttle girl, Lucille, born January, 1950. Mao's hobbies are playing the guitar and nging. He has a nice personality and a een sense of humor. Mario could easily uble for Groucho Marx except for the fact at Mario doesn't smoke a cigar. But, me to think of it, neither does Groucho! Iario and his family now reside in Northidge.

Ruth Firth was guest of honor at a shower ugust 9, at Ma Glockner's. She was prented with a set of Imperial candlewick shes. The shower was in honor of her arriage to Pfc. George Briggs, U. S. Army, August 20. As a wedding gift, the Master st and Engineering Departments presented uth with a purse of money. . . . Mr. S. H. elland, Ben Gryncewicz, Ed Potvin, Bob urtemanche, and Earl Wood are all owners new green cars purchased this past month.

## EPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

*Charles Polucha and yce Rondeau*

Due to the illness of our reporter, Charlie lucha, there was no news in our section THE SPINDLE last month. We will try to make up for it this month. First of all, to please everyone, we will list all the vacations that were or are being taken by the members of our department. Hampton Beach: Tom Marshall, Esther Albin, and Dick Cunningham. Block Island: Herb Lightbown. Washington: Lucille Buma and Evelyn Favreau. Orrin Austin and family took a motor trip up to Lake George. Chet Walker spent his vacation at Orleans, and, if we may quote Chet, "Thirty-five rooms with water running through every room." We hope that wasn't the hotel at which Chet spent his vacation. . . . Theresa Montville is spending her spare time down at Onset Island. . . . Betty Mombourquette and husband are going to vacation in style down in Atlantic City. . . . Frances Kelly will highlight her vacation by a trip to Gotham. Guess New York appeals to her more than Whitinsville. Does it remind you of Liverpool, Fran? . . . Rachel Blouin, one of our summer aides, will soon be leaving us to accept a teaching position in Northboro. Gladys Nydam left us recently after being with us for five years. She plans to devote all her time to housekeeping. We hope that she will send us in some Dutch pastry now that she will have a little more time to herself. . . . Gracie Manning and Reggie Rascoe were honored at a prenuptial party at the Publick House on August 7. Grace received an end table and Reggie, a Toastmaster. . . . Lucille Buma recently received her five-year service pin. Congratulations!

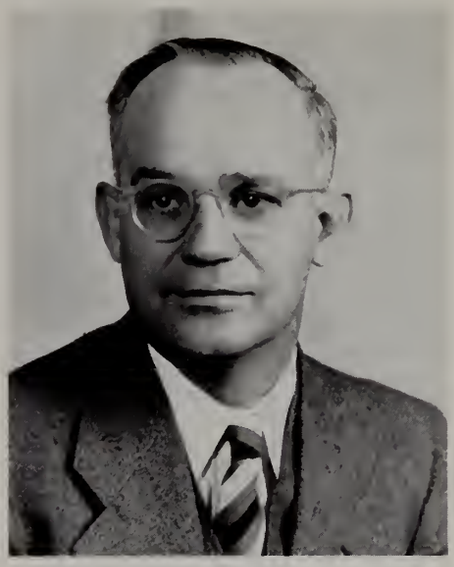
## WAGE STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

*by Giggie Fettuccia*

Birthday greetings for August were celebrated by Jean Cahill, Charles Conaty, Edward LeClair, Herbert Lindblom, Russell Lupien, Alfred Sheldon, Solomon Shuman, and John Strachan. . . . The welcome mat is out for Robert Lanphear who hails from Amherst.

The best of luck is wished to Norman Klaucke who has accepted a position with the Acme Chain Corporation in Holyoke. Also, to Bill Norman who will devote all of his time on his ever increasing florist business. . . . Congratulations to Lynn Richardson who was presented his 30-year pin by Gordon Spence upon his return to work after several months of illness.

*Mr. and Mrs. John McNelly on their wedding day 25 years ago. Would you have recognized John?*



*Roscoe Marker*

THERE's one week in the year when Roscoe "Mike" Marker, our Director of the Whitin Community Association, has an opportunity to talk over his ideas and plans with other top-notch leaders in the recreational field. The occasion is the National Recreational Congress. Executive recreational directors gather from every city, town, and hamlet in the United States for a week's session in one of our leading major cities. Those who are present attend meetings, debates, and special classes to learn all they can about any subject which would interest or help them in their work. Problems are discussed, opinions heard, and lectures given to these people who want to learn more about recreational programs.

For the first time in 12 years, the Congress will be meeting in Boston from October 1 through 5. Mike Marker, who is president of the Eastern Massachusetts Recreation Association, has been assisting the New England chairman in making arrangements for the annual session. One of the entertainment highlights, of course, is the concert which will be given by our Whitin Male Glee Club.

It is most heartening to know that there are groups of people who are working constantly in advancing recreation throughout the country.

When Mike returns from his week of school, we will know that he is prepared to bring the children of the community the best and most up-to-date ideas in recreational programs.

*Four generations. Roland L. Albee, Stores supervisor, Department 466, is shown with his mother, Mrs. Charles Albee, who recently celebrated her 83rd birthday; his daughter, Mrs. Perley Robinson; and with his granddaughter, Katherine Anne Robinson*

*Barbara Gray, Methods Department, enjoying the sun at the Grange picnic on Hog Island*

*Mr. and Mrs. Dana Heald*

## WORKS ACCOUNTING

***by Oscar Erickson***

*Cost Department:* Vacations are in the headlines. Herb and Mrs. Barnes visited in St. Albans, Vt.; the Benners toured New England; Pauline Hagan and her husband, Leo, spent a week in the White Mountains; Don Rae went to Misquamicut, R. I.; Henry Lawton and family were at Hampton Beach; Arthur Rochon enjoyed taking day trips; and Peg Turcotte chose Webster Lake for her vacation spot. . . . Birthday greetings are extended to Helen Sitnik, Florence Lebeau, and Nell Lahousse.

*Payroll Computation:* Bob English and John Shaw vacationed at Hampton Beach; Isabelle Kasparian vacationed at Watch Hill, R. I.; Edith Allen is visiting in Corning, N. Y.; Fred Garceion and family travelled to Maine. . . . Our birthday greetings go to Margaret Crosby. . . . Emily Quigley has returned to work after a month's illness. We are glad to have her back.

*Tabulating:* Howard Cook and family vacationed at Welland Sands, N. H. Ruth Kelliher would not disclose her vacation spot but we are happy that she had a nice time.

Wedding bells are ringing this month for Connie Riggs (secretary to Max Thompson) and Tom Cawley of the Production Department. On the 29th of September Connie and Tom will exchange vows in St. Peter's Church, Rockdale.

## RESEARCH DIVISION

***by John Rose***

*Personality of the Month:* Dana C. Heald was born in Camden, Maine. He received his early education at Lincolnsville, Maine, and later attended evening classes at Bradford-Derphy Textile Institute in Fall River. Mr. Heald entered the employ of the Whitin Machine Works in 1904 and worked under Ben Graves on the Comber Job. A few years later, he left Whitin's only to return in 1911 as a roadman for the Company. In 1929, he was transferred to the Experimental Department where he specialized in twisters, cams and bunch builders. Whitin now uses the Heald bunch builder designed by Mr. Heald. On June 17, Mr. Heald completed forty years with the Company. He enjoys gardening and fishing and was president of the Whitin Home Garden Club for nine years. On retiring from that position he became treasurer of the Club. Mr. and Mrs. Heald live at 5 Grove Street, Whitinsville, and have one daughter, Mrs. Beverly Baum, who resides in Natick, Mass. (I want to thank Mr. Heald for his generous cooperation and wish him continued success and good health.)

Ray Mooradian enjoyed a few days visiting the beautiful Catskill Mountains. . . . We wish a speedy recovery to Malcolm Landry who is recovering from an illness at his home in Saco, Maine. . . . Tom Howard has a new "51" bronze colored Ford. . . . Bill Linkow spent a quiet week at home doing a little fishing. . . . John McGill divided his two weeks' vacation by going to Martha's Vineyard for a few days, and then to Barnstable at the Cape, where he enjoyed a visit with his daughter who makes her home there. . . . Bill McFarland spent two weeks taking day trips to such points as Marblehead and along the Cape. . . . Roland Benoit and John Nydam are building new homes on Beverly Avenue in North Uxbridge. . . . Mary Geroux enjoyed a week with her husband, M/3cl David Geroux, who recently returned from Germany and was on furlough. David was employed in Department 416 and enlisted in the Navy in 1950. . . . We welcome Charles Cody of Upton who is the new fellow in the drafting room. He started working here August 6 and has two ideal hobbies, gardening and fishing. We are waiting for some evidence of this crop, Charlie, for we feel that someone must give our Ed Perry competition. He has shown us some nice looking cukes and squash. . . . Ernest Zimmermann spent five days down at the Cape and five days at Long Island. . . . Ted Giemza and family vacationed at Point Judith. . . . We wish good luck to Jim Cooper who has accepted a position in Gastonia, N. C., with the Firestone Textile Company.

We want you to know that Sam Joyce is quite adept at reducing his golf score—and also did a good job on his waistline during his two weeks' vacation. . . . We hear that Mr. Kuehn is interested in finding means of exterminating a family of skunks from beneath his porch. If anyone has any ideas they would be appreciated. . . . Happy birthday to Beatrice Cant, John Magill, William Werth, Jean Brousseau, Maynard Krull, Louis Rutana, Dana Heald, and Cecil Pendleton. . . . Congratulations to Rupert Smith, Beatrice Cant, Frank Skalko, Al Meservy, Dana Heald, Ronald Blakely, and Ernest Zimmermann on their wedding anniversaries.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

***by Jean Cunningham***

Such a good time was had at Wallum Lake where Methods and Wage Standards recently enjoyed an outing, that I think the event should be mentioned in some way. Of course our Cook, Jack Lalor, helped in a great way to make the feast of hot dogs, hamburgers, and what have you, a big success. . . . Did you know that Charlie Brouwer has taken up golf? . . . We hope that Joe "Penner" Mateer, Charlie's son, who was hurt quite badly while out driving one night, will make a fast recovery. Joe was nicknamed "Penner" because he was growing up at the time Joe Penner and his duck, of radio fame, were popular. . . . Vacations are still being enjoyed. Leo Petrie and his wife went to the Adirondack Mountains. . . . Paul Wheeler spent his vacation moving. . . . Don Easton who left us about a year ago to see sunny California has returned East, and is ready to settle down where the seasons keep changing the year round. . . . The Department would like to welcome Joe Laczynski of Millville, who comes to us from the Comber Job. . . . Of all the names which George Bickford took home from the office to name his new baby girl, he didn't use one, but finally selected a very pretty one of his own choosing—Susan Alice. . . . Cakes were baked recently for the following who celebrated birthdays: Arthur Armstrong, Herman Roche, John Walsh, Emil Zywien, Is

elle Hagopian, Shirley Noble, Helen Al-oonian and yours truly. Rose Fregeau elebrated her birthday and anniversary. She has been married 24 years. . . . We lso wish to congratulate Dave Gray and Mrs. Gray who have been married 30 years. . . Barbara Gray enjoyed her visit with he Grange at a picnic held at Hog Island n the latter part of July.

## Obituaries

Guillaume Departie, a native of Linwood, lied recently. He was employed as a machin-st at the Whitin Machine Works. We express ur deepest sympathy to the members of his amily.

Final military honors were paid Pvt. aurence A. Lefrancois, 18, Korean War ero, at a solemn high mass celebrated in t. Patrick's Church, August 11. Military ites were conducted by World War II eterans. Our condolences are extended to he members of his family.

Richard J. Hyland, a resident of Whitins-ille for 54 years, died at his home, August 8. He was a native of Uxbridge and was em-loyed as a machinist at the Whitin Machine Vorks for 56 years. We extend our sympathy o the members of his family.

The members of Department 453 express heir sympathy to Angelo Arciero in the loss f his sister.

The members of the Roll Job express their ympathy to Joseph Dumais in the loss of his rother.

Sympathy is extended to James Eastwood, Department 433, in the loss of his father.

Department 426 expresses its sympathy to William LeBlanc in the loss of his son.

Department 462 expresses its sympathy the family of Steve Ozog. Mr. Ozog, a Whitin employee with 41 years of service, ied August 21.

Claude Bolduc, married August 4. Claude orks in Department 413.

Kendall Prior, one of our apprentices, narried to Grace Manning, Repair Sales, ugust 25, First Congregational Church, Douglas.

Philip Kooistra, Tool Job, married to egina Rascoe, Repair Sales, August 11.

Susan M. Susienka, Department 411, married to Michael G. Wrabel, September 8, St. Denis Church, East Douglas.

Mary Ovian, Sales Department, engaged to George Larchian of Worcester.

Howard Hawkins, mail carrier, married to Shirley Stimpson, stock clerk, Department 412, August 25, First Baptist Church, Woonsocket, R. I.

Marie Walsh, Main Office, married to Arthur O'Mara, of Sutton, August 25.

Harvey Youngsma, Winder Job, married to Anna Burgess, September 4.

Jack Ratcliffe, Production Department, engaged to Marjorie McDonald.

To William Bergeron, Department 436, and Mrs. Bergeron, a son, Rudolph, born July 25 at the Milford Hospital.

To Emil and Madeline Renault, a baby boy. Madeline works in Payroll Computation.

To Wendell Coombs, Pipe Room, and Mrs. Coombs, formerly of the Repair Department, a daughter, Gwendolyn Louise, born May 14.

To Walter Doble, Inspection, and Mrs. Doble, a daughter, Sheila Mae.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennedy (formerly time clerk Shirley McQuilken), a son, Michael John, born August 16.

To Francis Lockwood, Department 427, and Mrs. Lockwood, a daughter, Linda Frances, born July 8.

To Girard Larochelle, Department 420, and Mrs. Larochelle, a daughter, born August 2.

To Mario Romasco, Roll Job, and Mrs. Romasco, a daughter, born in August.

To Robert McCallum, Engineering Department, and Mrs. McCallum, a daughter, Jean Ellen, born July 16.

To George Gauthier, Foundry, and Mrs. Gauthier, a daughter.

To William Lambert, Department 439, and Mrs. Lambert, a daughter, Lorna Ann, born August 1.

To Paul Charest, Department 440, and Mrs. Charest, a daughter, Denese Theresa, born July 14.

To George Bickford, Methods, and Mrs. Bickford, a daughter, Susan Alice, born July 25.

To Voitto Oby, Department 454, and Mrs. Oby (the former Shirley Walker of Department 454 office), a son, William, born August 14.

*Mr. and Mrs. John Baker were married in St. Patrick's Rectory, June 2. Mr. Baker is a supervisor in Department 439 and has been with the Company since June, 1915. Mrs. Baker, the former Mrs. Jennie Devlin, is employed on the Ring Job. From the left: Mrs. Eleanor Sova, daughter of Mrs. Baker; Mr. and Mrs. Baker; and Charles Devlin, son of Mrs. Baker*

*Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius N. Visbeck were married in the United Presbyterian Church, August 6. From left: Sikki Visbeck, father of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Visbeck; Mrs. Sikki Visbeck, mother of the groom; and Sydney Visbeck, brother of the groom*

*Charles Demarais, of the Winder Job, and Margaret Vose, were married at the Precious Blood Church in Woonsocket, R. I., on June 23. They are shown cutting the wedding cake at their reception*

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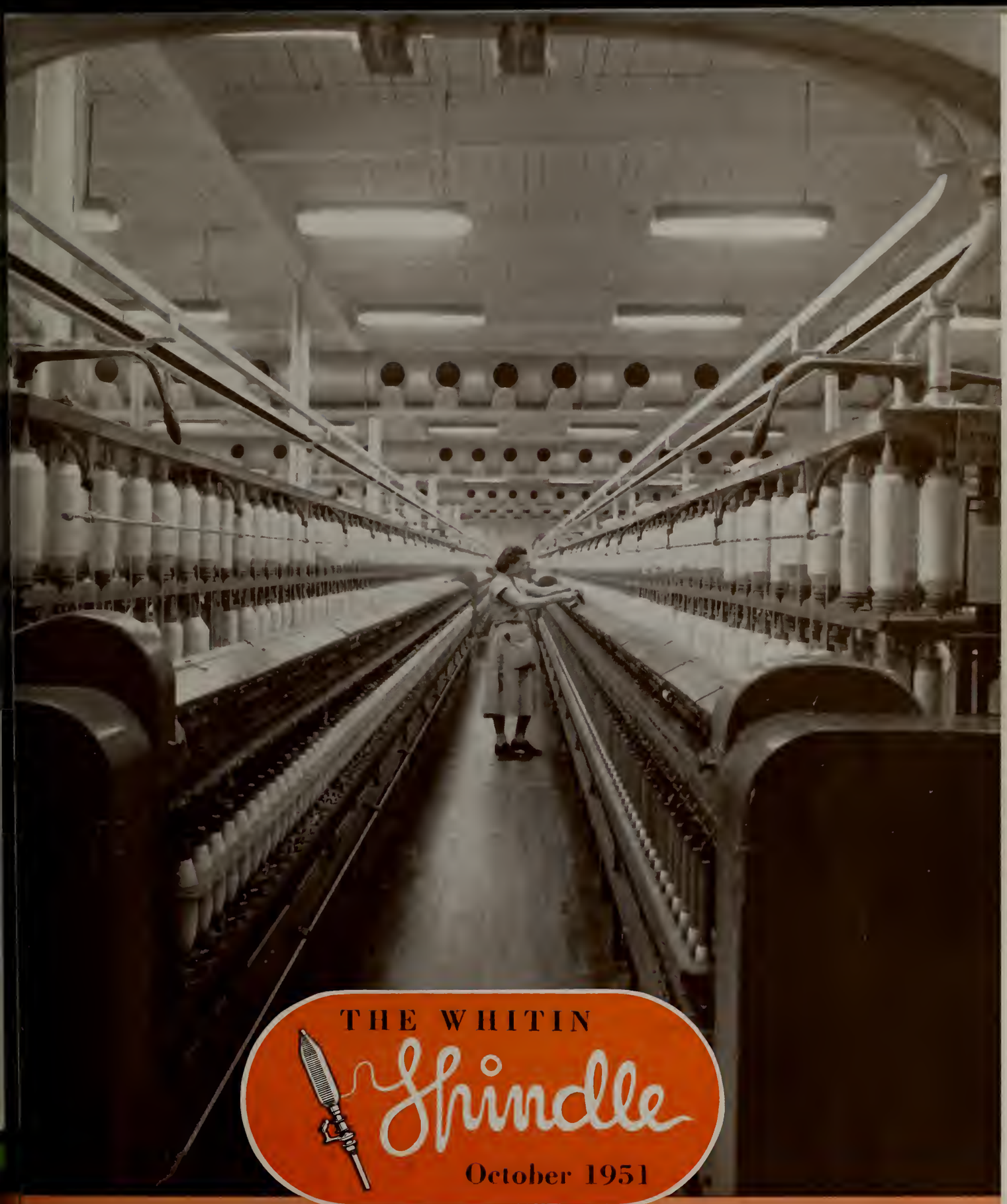

# THE WHITIN Spindle

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Edward Bates, foreman's clerk on the Spindle Job, came to Whitin from Watertown 15 years ago. His hobbies include fishing and working on radios

Constance L. Cawley, secretary to Max F. Thompson, attended Northbridge High School and Becker Junior College. Her hobbies are sports and music

John "Jack" Martin, core maker, has been a Whitin employee for 44 years. He lives in the town of Whitinsville and has four sons and one daughter

# Familiar Faces

## AROUND THE PLANT

Julia McMullin, of the Production Department, lives on C Street, Whitinsville. She has two daughters, Kathleen and Sheila. Her favorite hobby is playing softball

Marguerite Landergan is a stock clerk in Department 406. She is a graduate of Northbridge High School and has been with the Whitin Machine Works since 1943

Michael Swiszcz, grinder hand on the Bolster Job, spends his evenings and week ends building a new home for his family in Uxbridge. His hobby is fishing

Henry Martin, grounds [illegible] er, first started with [illegible] Whitin Machine Work[illegible] 1914. Henry lives in Uxb[illegible] and has a family of six [illegible] dren and 15 grandch[illegible]

*Whitin 10 x 5 Inter-Draft Roving Frames in operation at Globe Mills; the absence of vibration in the frames and the extreme cleanliness of the room are conspicuous*

*Right: The plant of Globe Mills Company, Mount Holly, N. C.*

# Globe Mills, Mount Holly, N. C.

## *Producer of High Quality Combed Yarn for Discriminating Cloth Mills*

By John R. Sanderson

Business conditions in the United States were not too favorable in 1933 for the textile industry. Many millions of spindles were idle; many mills were failing. It was at that time that Charles S. Clegg acquired the Globe Mills in Mount Holly, North Carolina. He was convinced that there was still an opportunity for a well run mill to operate successfully if it could produce high quality yarns and do it efficiently to meet competition. The justification of that conviction is visible today in the Globe Mills Company plant. The mill, housed in an excellently equipped building, employs 168 people on three shifts. It contains a large array of up-to-date machinery, and operates with the high efficiency that only close supervision and superior management can create, and has been successful from its beginning. In fact, it has operated continuously in those eighteen years, being shut down for only 120 production hours in the last 12½ year period, a production record that highlights the brisk trade reception of its products.

As part of his policy to produce only the highest quality

*Whitin "N-2" Blending Feeders are used for beginning the opening and blending*

combed cotton yarns for the knitting and weaving mills who were seeking only the best yarns purchasable, Mr. Clegg based his operations on certain definite fundamental principles. These could be summarized as—the use of good raw material, skilled employees, a well trained supervisory staff familiar with the best mill practice and methods, a continuous quality control program, and machinery that could be depended upon to create premium quality yarns at high production rates and lowest cost.

In the progressing implementation of that program, Mr. Clegg installed new models of Whitin Opening, Carding, Lapping, Combing, Roving, Spinning, and Twisting machines.

### Product

The combed cotton yarn made in Globe Mills Co., Mt. Holly plant ranges in counts from approximately 20's to 40's depending on its ultimate use, and is packaged in cones for sale to the trade. One of the outstanding characteristics of combed yarn, in addition to its luster uniformity, and appearance is its high breaking strength. During recent years, cloth manufacturers have been selling to the Government. Weavers have had to meet the very high quartermaster specification requirements and Globe Mills was able to supply continuously to cloth mills the 24/2's used in making Army twill that tested 265 lbs. breaking strength, when other mills were having difficulties in producing yarns to meet the specifications.

*Some of the 66 Whitin Revolving Flat Cards. A 46 grain slirer is usually produced*

### Manufacturing Process

The mill follows conventional manufacturing practice in its operation, but achieves the maximum results obtainable at each process by giving special attention to detail, absolute cleanliness, and careful and close supervision by Mr. Clegg and the supervisory staff. In a mill this size, that means that no detail is too small to escape notice and that needed improvements can be made quickly.

Careful blending of strict middling cotton is done on Whitin Model N-2 Blending Feeders, and the cotton being thoroughly opened in the remainder of the opening line which includes Whitin Downstroke and Buckley Cleaners.

After passing through the Single Process pickers, the stock passes to the 66 Whitin cards. The mill recently installed 20 40" Whitin Model L Cards, as a result of its satisfaction with Whitin card performance. The card sliver weight is usually kept at 46 grains.

### Combing

After the laps have been prepared on Whitin Sliver and Ribbon Lappers, it is combed on 24 Whitin Combers. The quality of the work done by these combers is recognized by the mill as contributing greatly to the ultimate yarn quality.

### Roving

The Whitin Roving Frames consist of 10 x 5 and 9 x Interdraft Slubbers and 8 x 4 Speeders. For yarn coun

*Twenty card slivers are made into a sliver lap; then six sliver laps are made into a comber lap, containing 120 card slivers, a positive mixing factor contributing to yarn evenness*

*Whitin Combers have been long famous for the high quality sliver produced. Whitin Model K Combers are shown*

*From these modernized Whitin 8 x 4 Intermediate Roving Frames comes the excellent 2.50 and 3.00 hank roving*

*The roving is doubled in the spinning creel on the F-2 Spinning Frames shown here in operation*

from 20's–24's, 2.50 hank roving is made and run double in the spinning frame creel. For producing 26's–40's the 3.00 hank roving is doubled in the spinning frame creel.

## Spinning

The spinning equipment consists of over 11,000 spindles on 44 Whitin Spinning Frames, some 3½″ gauge, the balance being 3¾″ gauge. It is the objective of the mill to get the very best possible spinning that can be achieved from the stock run, and from the beginning of the mill operations, Mr. Clegg has found Whitin spinning machinery to be the equipment to fill his needs.

## Twisting

The mill uses wet twisting, and is particularly pleased with the high quality results obtained from its new installation of Model L, 4″ gauge Whitin twisters. In addition to the new Model L Twisters, the mill also has approximately 3600 spindles of earlier model Whitin Twisters that have been completely modernized.

## Quality Control

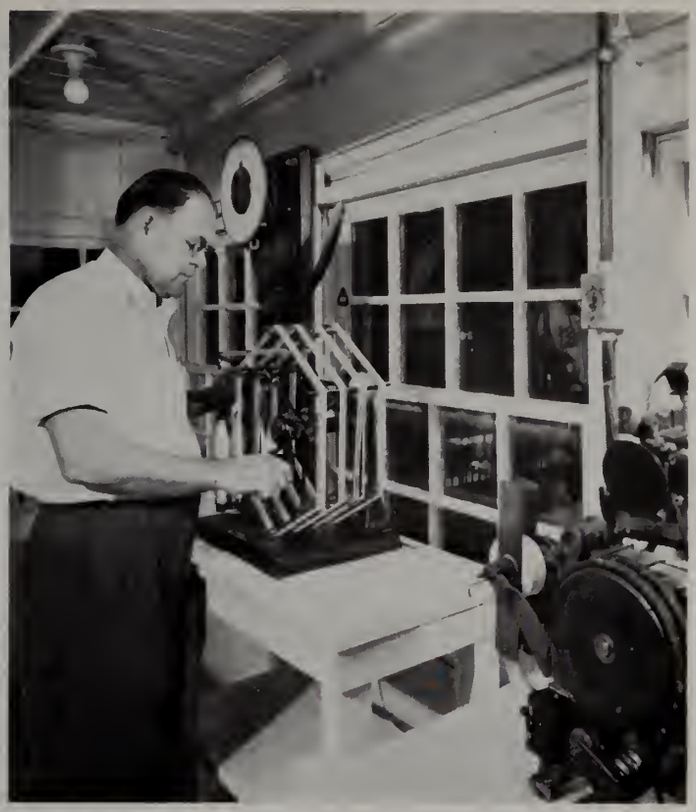
The accurate control of the millions of small, fragile cotton fibers that are found in every pound of cotton requires unremitting attention to maintenance of quality

at every step, with daily test of lap and sliver weights, thickness variation, nep counts and breaking strength tests. These and the other routine tests conducted systematically are the mill's insurance that quality standards are maintained.

Another essential factor in quality control is machinery maintenance. Through systematic machine inspections, testing of settings, the machinery is kept in top operating conditions.

Plant cleanliness as a factor in making quality yarns is well recognized as essential, and in Globe Mills to paraphrase an old saying the rule of cleanliness is tested by the observance and not the breach. Consequently the results equal the extreme standards found in the rayon mills, where lint and fly are negligible factors compared to a cotton mill.

In any business, a sound management has prospects of success given a favorable economic opportunity, if the machinery will produce a competitive product. For eighteen years Globe Mills Company has found that Whitin machinery had done that in the past, and in purchasing the latest Model Whitin Cards, Roving and Spinning Frames for a newly acquired plant in Lincolnton, North Carolina, President Clegg has affirmed his belief that Whitin machinery will continue to do so in the future.



*Above: Laboratory technician skeining yarn prior to testing, as part of the systematic quality control program*

*Below: Twisting the two-ply combed cotton yarn is the final process before winding. Globe Mills uses both wet and dry twisting*

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## KEEP THE LINES OPEN

Things go more smoothly for all of us when we know what's on the minds of those we work with. That's why it is important for information to move freely in a company.

When a company is small, it is not hard to keep information moving up and down the line. Every worker knows the boss, and he knows them. But when a company is as big as the Whitin Machine Works, it is not so easy.

Of course, it is management's job to let employees know the policies and rules and instructions that affect them. But you have some responsibility too.

Watch the bulletin boards and THE WHITIN SPINDLE for notices that apply to you. Ask questions if you don't understand instructions or policies. Talk things over with your foreman so he knows what is on your mind.

Ideas and information move freely only when we all help them along.

FRONT COVER: Whitin "F-2" Spinning Frames in operation at the Globe Mills Company, Mount Holly, N. C. Maintenance of cleanliness is achieved by the use of overhead cleaners, and systematic picking and wiping. The operator is removing lint from a cleaner.

# *Whitin Personality*

JACOB DEJONG, our divisional superintendent in charge of 14 department came to the Whitin Machine Works shortly after graduating from the Uxbrid High School in 1917. He served his time as an apprentice on the Tool Jo

When there was a lull in business in the Company a few years later, Ja was granted a leave of absence so that he could gain further experience serving as a tool maker in the automotive industry in Detroit and later, a tool maker in the Westinghouse plant in Springfield, Massachusetts. Up his return to the Company he returned to the Tool Job.

In 1928, he became the assistant foreman of Department 421, a post whi he held until 1932 when he became foreman of Departments 443 and 441. 1938, he became divisional superintendent and presently has charge of Depa ments 405, 408, 409, 416, 417, 418, 420, 424, 427, 430, 435, 437, 438 and 4 There are approximately 1,200 people in these departments.

Jake arrived in Whitinsville from Holland in 1914 and has lived in Whiti ville and Uxbridge. He is a member of the Christian Reformed Church and the church's corresponding secretary. Jake is married and resides at Whi Avenue in Whitinsville. His hobbies are golf and bowling.

# *Hobby*—Early American Decorating

"Twenty-five dollars, once, twice—sold! to the lady with the red hat!" The auctioneer waves the little lady forward amidst the sighs of the envious but unlucky bidders, and then she marches away grasping her prized and much sought after antique. This very likely could be Marion Taft of the Billing Department, adding one more treasure to her working collection of antiques. But, we're getting a little ahead of our story. Antiques alone would make Marion's hobby incomplete. It is what she does with these antiques that makes her hobby so unusual and interesting.

About seven years ago Marion was in search of a hobby that would offer adventure, interest and enjoyment. Her knowledge of heirlooms led her to choose restoring and decorating antiques, and in order to learn the correct methods employed, she attended painting classes where her first project was stripping and refinishing a thumb-back chair; she later put a free hand floral design on it. Marion was enthused with her new hobby and soon found it was indirectly responsible for other sources of pleasure—gathering antiques and making many new friends. At first, Marion visited antique shops, but because the items were so expensive, she decided that it would be much wiser and perhaps even more interesting if she attended auctions. As she travelled throughout New England attending the auctions, she found that it was quite impossible to resist bidding and as the antique tinware and furniture accumulated, she decided to refinish, decorate and sell all that she did not wish to retain. Several of the pieces were sold to neighbors and friends and other work has since been placed in gift shops and exchanges. Marion now works on pieces belonging to friends, neighbors, and customers. Once she was thrilled when asked to repair a section of an original stencil on the walls of a very beautiful old house in Old Douglas.

Marion found so many people who were genuinely interested in trying their hand at painting that she finally consented to give lessons. For two years now, she has been conducting classes in her home one evening a week, during the winter. She has about five or six students in each class.

Not only do auctions call for much travelling but also, in order to obtain patterns and designs, Marion must make extensive trips to the various places that display such patterns and designs. In order to get them, she must actually copy the patterns from old pieces of American furniture. This interesting work takes her to museums, homesteads, and villages throughout New England. Marion keeps a master pattern of every design she works. These patterns are valuable, for often they can't be duplicated. All of her designs are authentic American patterns and much care must be taken in reproducing them.

Marion says that decorators are busy people. To become one, she adds, means to forfeit many spare moments. Her schedule can include anything from tray-painting to scraping chairs, or preparing patterns. But, the reward is worth the effort. Marion never has a dull moment as she creates something new and beautiful, or perpetuates an authentic early American decoration.

*Marion Taft, in her spare moments, decorates antiques with unusual and intricate designs. In the display of her handiwork at right is a Dutch teapot over 100 years old; document box more than a century old; small serving tray that has been around for the last 110 years; a Chippendale tray; small wooden cigarette box; large-sized hand tray for coffee table; and a wooden sandwich plate*

*Lieutenant Wilber, of the Bolton Squadron, explaining how the engine magneto operates*

# Whitin Sons and Daughters Active in Civil Air Patrol

By Malcolm Pearson

*(Malcolm Pearson, captain in the Civil Air Patrol, and Massachusetts Wing Staff Photo Officer, has been assigned to the Whitinsville Flight to help organize the unit.—Editor.)*

*While Ruth Peckham operates radio she made, Cadet Commander James DeVries, left, explains why and how the set functions*

When your son, daughter, brother, or sister informs you that it is a CAP meeting night at the Northbridge High School, you can be assured that he or she is out for a night of adventure as well as an education in aeronautics. The Whitinsville Flight, a unit of the Civil Air Patrol, organized in May of this year, is just one of the many similar units organized from coast to coast as a result of the training program introduced in 1942.

Believing that the United States would be forced to enter World War II before it was over, a number of aviation-minded citizens established a volunteer group for the purpose of aiding this country in the event of an attack. One week prior to the air raid on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941, the group organized under the name of "Civil Air Patrol." In their privately owned airplanes, these men immediately set about patrolling coastal waters in search of submarines and mine patrols. In addition, courier service, air transportation, target towing, border patrol, and other similar duties were performed. From Whitinsville, Murray W. Keeler went to Parkston, Virginia, where he served as operations officer on coastal patrol for a year and a half.

While serving their country, these members of the Civil Air Patrol tallied a gross of 24,000,000 miles of patrol duty, spotted 173 submarines, and 824 members were awarded air medals for these missions.

In August, 1943, the Navy and Air Force were strong enough to assume effective patrol, and the CAP then became an auxiliary of the Air Force by presidential

order. On July 1, 1946, the CAP was granted a National Charter.

The organization is directed by a National Headquarters at Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., and commanded by Major General Lucius Beau. Each state is designated as a wing command and regular Air Force officers are assigned as liaison officers to assist in the civilian training program. Each wing staff supervises the activity of local units known as squadrons or flights.

The Cadet Training Program, which is planned to constructively provide an interesting curriculum for 15–18-year-old youths with aeronautical inclinations, includes theory of flight, map reading, meteorology, navigation, aircraft structures, engine and instruments, CAA regulations, radio communications, and other related subjects. Orientation flights are given only with parental consent. CAP cadets are flown on indoctrination or orientation flights in L-4 type of light planes loaned by the Air Force.

The military training consists of infantry drill, military discipline and courtesy, guard duty, protection of military information and property, and organization of the Air Force. Membership does not obligate anyone to serve in any of the Armed Services.

Another function is a two-week encampment which is available to cadets who wish to participate in an intensive application of knowledge and practices learned in class or group participation. The 1950 encampment was held at Westover Air Force Base; the 1951 sessions will be held at Otis Air Force Base. Cadets are instructed by regular Air Force instructors, who, utilizing the equipment facilities on the base, are able to extend more realistic effects in all phases of flying. During the summer months, twenty cadets from the Whitinsville Flight were flown on orientation flights, and to make the months ahead just as interesting, a Link Trainer is being readied for the Whitinsville group. This will enable a cadet to fly a simulated flight course and his performance will be plotted as he sits inside a cockpit equipped with controls and instruments.

Each year, leading cadets are carefully selected on a nationwide basis, to visit foreign countries in conjunction with the international exchange program. This year 14 countries were scheduled in the exchange.

To further aid the program, the CAP has been assigned two radio frequencies: 2374 kc and 148.4 mc for use in training and emergency communications. Air search rescue missions and emergency disaster services rely greatly on these communications. Many radio-minded personnel are required to set up and handle this nationwide network, which is the largest one in operation for the specific purpose of maintaining a unified system. Several boys from the Whitinsville Flight helped to build a 75-foot steel radio tower for the SR-522 short wave transceiver which will be part of the Massachusetts Communications Network.

Each unit is staffed by a senior group (usually persons who are interested in aviation, especially Air Force, Navy, or Marine aircrew veterans) who are responsible for its function and carrying out the program. Senior members, or persons over 18, become staff officers, instructors, or

*Cadets erecting their short wave radio tower*

join in class groups to further their aeronautical interests.

Recently a two-year course of study was established to integrate both the military and the academic parts of the program into a standard, comprehensive two-year course which can be continued on a rotation basis. If a cadet completes the course, he is awarded a certificate of proficiency.

The Whitinsville Flight meets at the High School weekly and its growth will be proportional to the stimulated interest of individuals. Being a voluntary organization, and not obligated to mandatory services, members are not issued uniforms nor other equipment. United States Air Force uniforms are purchased at nominal prices. Unit operating expenses are defrayed by dues and revenue from sources common to a community project. The Air Force provides training films, textbooks, and whatever training aids are obtainable through donated surplus equipment.

*Cadets relax after a successful paper drive. Cadets use money to offset some of the operating expenses*

*WHITIN BASEBALL TEAM—1951. Bat Boys: Bobby Keeler and Dick Miller. First row, left to right: Lou Lucier, Charles Malkasian, assistant coaches; Dick Johnson, Tom Blackborn, Jack Concannon, Doc Ayers, Jack Ratcliffe, Gene Gore, Lou Simonini, Artie Ratner, Hal Reilly, Al Hackett. Second row, left to right: Jim Brosnahan, manager; Hal Buma, assistant coach; Bob Williams, coach; Ronnie Cole, Mike Roarke, Dave Sisler, Jim O'Neil, Harry Brown, Billy Scholz, Amos Dixon, and John Doldoorian*

# *Sports*—Baseball

By James Brosnahan

In closing out my baseball talks for '51, I first wish to offer my congratulations to the Draper nine of Hopedale, the winners of the '51 schedule race and then, to Fort Devens, the '51 playoff winners. Hopedale did a most commendable job in overtaking Douglas who led the league for the entire schedule but for that final and fateful week, when the good right arm of Leo Parent proved too much for the Schuster men. In the playoffs, I, and several thousand others, found why Billy Loes of Fort Devens (and the Brooklyn Dodgers) was worth a bonus of $35,000. They say form will tell—if Loes' performance is any criterion, it surely will, for this young man really showed the Hopedale and Whitins teams something in his outings against them. Then, too, the other Devens' "pros" woke up and really came through when it became a case of money ball.

I should now like to turn my attention to an endeavor which I've long wanted to attempt; namely, the picking of my own All-Star Team, and commenting on the players whom we've seen around the Valley League this season.

Behind the plate, Mike Roarke of Whitins, with his big bat and aggressiveness, gets high honors. Though not the defensive catcher he was a year ago, his offensive work with the willow still gives Mike the nod over the rest of the league's offerings. In the following order, I would rate the other receivers: Dempsey, Fort Devens; Galligher, Hopedale; Wright, Uxbridge; and Fisher of Douglas. Dempsey, although only a sub, I thought, was a very heady receiver and a good field general. Galligher and Wright were real hustlers but not exceptional hitters, while Fisher was a steady receiver but had a very poor year at the plate. At first base, Fred Marolewski of Fort Devens, a heavy sticker and good defensive player, leads the field, closely followed by the man I rate the most underrated in the league, Bill Whelan of Douglas, who, though playing out of position (he's a second baseman), definitely rates the nod as Marolewski's closest competitor. Manning of Wyman-Gordon, and Brown of Whitins follow; both had good years at bat and both were good men around the initial sack. Manning was, I think, the fanciest man I've seen around first in this League in some time. He could really "dig them out." Second base is hard to rate, but from here it's Ed McHugh of Douglas, by virtue of hitting power alone, for Jack Concannon of Whitins tips his hat to no man in the glove department. Brissette of Hopedale and Lyon of Uxbridge trail these two by a noticeable margin, but are rated as very good ball players in a position where this league was loaded. At short, Doc Ayers of Whitins, with a batting average of .325 and the ability to reach balls no one else could, gets this corner's vote with great misgivings, for Joe Morgan of Hopedale or Bill Goralski of Douglas could play on my team any day and one must not forget John Yurowicz of Uxbridge who also played great ball until injured late in the season.

Third base finds Don Beitter of Hopedale head and shoulders over the rest of the pack. Rated by many as the best ball player in the league, I understand this

boy wants $30,000 to sign. May my comment be, "I've been spoiled," for Beitter is not the ballplayer Farrell or Magdyziak were. Well behind this boy comes White of Douglas, Reilly of Whitins and Scourby of Devens. In left field, comes Moose Tellinger of Fort Devens, the long ball hitter of the league, a very fast man afoot, and a very good defensive ball player to boot. After Tellinger, I would say one can take their pick of Cole of Whitins or Turco of Hopedale. Neither lived up to expectations and both have a long way to go before they could be compared with the "Big Moose." In centerfield I think a pair of youngsters bettered a pair of veterans for I give the nod to Art Moosman of Hopedale followed closely by Churchill of Uxbridge. Mahoney of Devens and Ratcliffe of Whitins would complete the picture here. In right field, I feel Dick Russell of Fort Devens, by virtue of hitting power, should get the nod followed by a youngster who rates with the best in the league as a utility player. For one who has been used in all the outfield positions, at first base, and is a fairly good pitcher in his own right, Jack Lonergan of Douglas, I believe, rates the second place nod here followed by Hogan of Hopedale.

Now for my pitching staff, but, first I would like to say that this is a pitchers' league and has been for the past four years. Any man who hits .250 in this league is a big league prospect and those who hit over .300 will bear close watching for they stand a very good chance of being "big names" later on. With this thought in mind, I've picked nine pitchers; of this nine, I feel sure that at least five will become big leaguers (one already is, though his services are presently governed by Uncle Sam), that is if these young men I'm about to name wish to make a career of their pitching and are willing to work up to the Big Show. The League's number one hurler for my money is Billy Loes of Fort Devens followed in this order by Sisler of Whitins, Parent of Hopedale, Hall of Douglas, West of Fort Devens, O'Neil of Whitins, Chirugi of Douglas, Luoni of Uxbridge, and Cardin of Wyman-Gordon. In closing out any pitching staff, one must have a fireman, and without any doubt, Amos Dixon of Whitins had no parallel in this league in that department.

Now I would like to go one step further and attempt to give you a breakdown of how I judged the various clubs. Hopedale with or without the Schedule Championship was in my opinion the very best balanced club in the league. It had a very strong infield, being weak in but one spot, first base, and it had an exceptionally fast outfield. Its pitching was slow to start, but came strong as the season ended led by Parent, Fahey and Kalakowski. While at bat its outfielders hit very well as did the infielders, but for first base. Douglas, too, had a good infield with McHugh and Whelan, its right side, being stronger with the stick than White and Goralski. I feel its main trouble was the fact that a good pitching staff had to be sacrificed to double duty both on the mound and as replacements for a very weak outfield. A word of praise here for Dick Hall, its ace moundsman, who not only stood the whole league on its head from the mound, but also did a most commendable job in centerfield. To sum this club up, good pitching, which tired, due to its double duty, a fast, "good sticking" infield but—a no-hit outfield and catcher.

Fort Devens could have taken it all with a second baseman and shortstop. Third base, too, was a little weak, but this league has never seen four hitters like Russell, Tellinger, Marolewski, and Mahoney in any batting order in the six years I've been around, and I'd even put this "murderers' row" up against the best the Old Valley League had. Plus all this hitting, it had two of the best moundsmen in the League—Loes and West. I think the only thing which really licked the Army even though it was weak around second and third, was the Army itself. You don't pull Army details and like it and you don't love to wear a uniform—you just bear with it. Therefore, I feel that these men, if they were playing with other than a service unit, would have had a different mental outlook and could have run away with this league. To prove my point, came the playoffs and Hopedale and Whitins looked very inadequate against these former "pros" who were then thinking nothing but baseball. Uxbridge Worsted, it is true, had many men injured throughout the season, but except for Lyon, Yurowicz, Churchill, and Luoni, this was a lost cause. This club was strictly no-hit after about the first month and its defensive play left much to be desired. Wyman-Gordon had two men who were of a suitable caliber for this league, Manning and Cardin. Otherwise, for the league, they were "no contest" and proved for the second time that Worcester Park League, or semi-pro players are not fast enough for the Valley.

All this brings us down to our own "row" which, in truth, is "rough hoeing." Whitins, to reiterate my past articles, had no hustle until Harry Brown woke them up a little with his chirping around first base. It had a consistent habit of booting the plays that hurt, and a great inability to come from behind. This was definitely the off-year for us; but for Mike Roarke, Jack Concannon, Doc Ayers, and Jack Ratcliffe, we didn't really have a first line player who would have been around in other years. We had four or five men who didn't live up to their clippings from college ball and their inability hurt, once our lineup was set. Our pitching was very good, for Sisler, O'Neil, and Dixon did a good job with a no-hustle and erratic hitting club behind them.

However, before closing, I would like to say Whitins did do very well, to go as far as they did—the finals of the playoffs. The fellows did wake up after that initial win at Douglas, and Sisler, Concannon, and Dixon were truly the heroes of the hour after the second win over Douglas. Concannon's belt over that leftfield fence will be long remembered and it closed out a career here for one of the finest youngsters whom we have had under our wing. Amos Dixon's relief stint to save one of Dave Sisler's finest pitching jobs really filled out a great day as we at least gained the honor of knocking off Douglas and the right to go on to the playoffs against Devens. After Billy Loes broke our backs in the first game, the second and final was just about a foregone conclusion, to end the longest season yours truly has yet been through.

*Benny Goodman*

# Music Festival Opens October 22—

## *Top Musical Artists to be Festival Stars*

*Risë Stevens*

EIGHT soloists, including Risë Stevens, Metropolitan Opera Star, and Benny Goodman, world-famous clarinetist, will be heard during the 92nd Worcester Music Festival to be held October 22 to October 27 in the Worcester Auditorium.

Other soloists will be: Eugene List, American pianist of concert, screen and radio fame; Claudio Arrau, pianist of international reputation; Mack Harrell, baritone, leading member of Metropolitan, Chicago, and San Francisco Opera Companies; Anna Kaskas, contralto of concert, opera, and radio fame; Irmgard Seefried, leading soprano, Vienna Opera; and Paul Knowles, American tenor, concert, oratorio, and opera renown.

The Philadelphia Orchestra will participate in the entire week of concerts for the eighth consecutive year. Eugene Ormandy will conduct the Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evening subscription concerts. Alexander Hilsberg, associate conductor, will lead the Monday "Music You Asked For" program and the Concert for Young People, Saturday morning, which will star Zola Mae Shaulis, eight-year-old piano prodigy, who will play one movement of a concerto with orchestral accompaniment.

The Festival Chorus of more than 300 mixed voices, conducted by Boris Goldovsky, will be heard Monday night, at the Thursday night "Choral Program," and Saturday night.

At the "Music You Asked For" program on Monday, October 22, Eugene List, pianist, will be heard with the orchestra in the "*Rhapsody in Blue,*" by Gershwin. On the same program, the Philadelphia Orchestra will play "*Overture-Fantasy,*" "*Romeo and Juliet,*" and *Suite from* "*The Nutcracker,*" by Tchaikovsky. The chorus will present two choruses: "*Dark-eyed Sailor*" and "*Green Sleeves*" by Vaughan-Williams and four spirituals, a cappella, for mixed chorus.

At the First Subscription Concert, Tuesday, October 23, Benny Goodman, clarinet soloist, will be heard with orchestra in the *Concerto in A major* by Mozart and *Concerto for Clarinet and String Orchestra* by Aaron Copland. Orchestral works will be "*Classical Symphony in D major,*" Prokofieff; *Polka and Fugue from* "*Schwanda,*" Weinberger; and "*Death and Transfiguration,*" tone poem, Richard Strauss.

Mendelssohn's "*Elijah,*" a dramatic oratorio for soloists, chorus, and orchestra will be presented at the Choral Program, Thursday, October 25. Mack Harrell, baritone, will take the part of Elijah. Other soloists will be Irmgard Seefried, soprano; Anna Kaskas, contralto; and Paul Knowles, tenor.

On "Artist's Night," Friday, October 26, Risë Stevens mezzo-soprano, will be heard in two groups of arias with orchestra. Orchestral selections will include *Suite from* "*Der Rosenkavalier,*" Richard Strauss; *Overture to* "*Coriolanus,*" Beethoven; and *Symphony in B flat major,* Chausson.

The Tchaikovsky Program on Saturday evening, October 27, will include orchestral selections: *Overture to* "*The Oprichnik*" (The Bodyguard), a first Festival performance; *Symphony No. 5 in E minor; Hymn of Praise* for chorus a cappella; excerpts from the opera "*Eugene Onegin*" (peasant chorus and chorus of maidens) will be heard with chorus and orchestra, also a first Festival performance. Claudio Arrau, pianist, will play *Concerto No. 1 in B flat minor* with orchestra.

On Saturday morning, October 27, the "Young People's" concert will feature "Forming an Orchestra." Zola Mae Shaulis, eight-year-old piano prodigy, will appear on the program.

Tickets are now on sale at Steinert's Music Store 308 Main Street, Worcester. *Single-Concert Ticket Prices*—Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings First Price $3.60, Second Price $3.00, Third Price $2.40 Fourth Price $1.80, Fifth Price $1.20. *Concert of Familiar Music*—Monday Evening only: First Price $3.00, Second Price $2.40, Third Price $1.80, Fourth Price $1.20 *Concert for Young People*—Saturday Morning, 11 o'clock Children $.60, Adults $1.50. *No Reserved Seats* for this concert.

# Whitin Men Assigned New Positions

*Above: Thomas Stevenson, newly appointed foreman of the Card Cylinder and Card Small Parts Department and his assistant, Henry Beaudoin*

*Left: Experience of age and enterprise of youth happily combined in the team of Ernest Booth and Kenneth Greenwood*

Ernest Booth, who was recently appointed Honorary Foreman of Department 442, is our oldest active senior employee in the Company. He has been actively employed at Whitin since 1888. When Ernest came here 63 years ago, there weren't half as many people in the Company's employ as there are today. He can remember when all of the departments were housed in what is today, the main building. When Ernest joined the Carpenter Shop about 60 years ago, there were only 50 people in the department. Since he became foreman over 40 years ago, there are four woodwork divisions. Ernest remarked that the basic methods used then compared to the methods applied now have not varied too much.

Ernest was born in Ottawa, Canada, September 8, 1872, and came to this country at an early age. His first teacher at the Grove School in 1882, was Nettie Bachelder. Ernest is married and lives with Mrs. Booth on 7 Summit Street. They have one daughter, Elsie, who is a teacher. Ernest has been a member of the Order of Odd Fellows for 55 years. His favorite sport is baseball.

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Thomas E. Stevenson, recently appointed foreman of Card Cylinders and Card Small Parts, was born and educated in Belfast, Ireland. He came to the United States in 1919. In December, 1921, Tom started in on the Card Roll Job under the supervision of Sid White. His next job was with Frank Bates on the Spinning Floor. In 1924 he worked in the Tool Crib on the Milling Job and in 1945, Tom became acting assistant foreman in his present work. His hobby is making colored photographic slides. While on vacation recently, he took some excellent pictures of Cape Cod landmarks. Tom has lived in Whitinsville for about 29 years. He is married and has two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren. Tom is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Male Choir.

Kenneth Greenwood, who was recently appointed foreman of Department 442, has been with the Company since October, 1928. He served his time as a cabinetmaker and in 1946 became an assistant foreman in Department 442. From 1943 to 1944 he was a magneto supervisor. Kenneth is a Whitinsville native. He attended Northbridge High School and Worcester Trade School. His hobby is color photos and he has in his collection over 250 slides. Ken likes golf and baseball; he is an ardent Red Sox and Whitin fan. His father is an inspecting supervisor on Cotton Spinning and Twisters. Ken is married and has three children.

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Henry Beaudoin was recently appointed assistant foreman of the Card Small Parts job. He was born in North Uxbridge in 1921 and attended Uxbridge schools. He later attended Trade School and studied mechanics. In coming to the Company in 1940 he worked on the Picker Floor and later was a lathe hand. His career at Whitin was temporarily interrupted while he served in the Army Air Force for three and a half years. In 1945, after returning to the Company, he served as a night supervisor on his present job. Henry is married and resides in North Uxbridge. His hobby is mechanics and he spends much of his leisure time working in his home workshop.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## RING JOB

*by Everett Gaspar*

There's an air of excitement nowadays caused by the start of a new bowling season. The men, who bowl Friday nights at the Pythian Alleys, started September 14, with the following teams: *Bluebirds*, captained by Kay Ebbeling, with Sam Magill, Arthur Morin, Leonard Roy, and Al Blanchette. *Bluejays*, captained by Walter Lawton, with Emile Handfield, Gus Garabedian, F. Ebbeling, and Bud Frieswyk. *Hawks*, captained by Arnold Patella, with Francis Snay, Bernard Garvis, Ernie Dionne, and Eddie Ebbeling; and the *Bobwhites*, captained by Joe Witek, with Hank McClure, Fran Forsythe, Roland Roy, and Bob Caston. New this year is the women's league. It consists of two teams—*Alley Cats*, captained by Ann Gniadek, with Jennie Baker, Anna Mae Vidal, Evelyn Ezzo, Florence Guertin, and Jeannette Prior; and the *Jolly Rollers*, captained by Grace Price, with Madelyn Libby, Carol McCrea, Anniebelle Lemay, Loretta Jacques, and Arline Burns. They bowl on Thursday nights at the Pythian Alleys.

Our personality is Harry Bailey. Harry was born in Anthony, R. I., in 1892. He attended Harrisville elementary schools, then moved to Providence when he was 12 years old. After completing his education at Providence Technical High School, he worked at Gorham Silver, and Providence Machine Company, then moved to Whitinsville in 1912. He worked on the Flyer Job, Loom Job, and has been on our job for 37 years. He married the former Margaret Leech of Glasgow, Scotland, 34 years ago, and he has three married daughters, and five grandchildren. For outside activities, he belongs to the American Legion, was a master of the Grange, and his hobbies are fishing and movies.

Roland Morel has moved into his partially finished home on School Street in Rockdale. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lemay celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on September 16. . . . Marion Doble has joined the ranks of dog-owners. She was fortunate in winning a terrier. . . . Everyone is glad to see Al Pariseau, and Louis Laflamme back after long illnesses. We hope to see our second-hand, Clint Babson, back soon.

Many of the employees enjoyed vacations at faraway places. Champion of this department was Bob Balcome who flew to Los Angeles, and runners-up were Virginia Hamlin and Gert Ebbeling who motored to Michigan. Others and their vacation spots follow: Grace Griffin, Margaret Marshall at Little Squam Lake, N. H.; Alice Travaille, Charles Coombs, Hampton Beach; Jennie Baker, Maine; Marion and Beryle Doble at Enfield; Fred Brown at Thomaston; Jim Glennon at Lake Sebago, New York; Ann Gniadek, Hagop Minasian, Kay Ebbeling, Vermont; Benoit and Honore Lavoie, Connecticut; Everett Gaspar, Maine; Bill Malley, Canada; Gerry Larochelle, Joe Audet, New Jersey; Pete Kooistra, Cape Cod; Louis Dionne, Bonnet Shores; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lemay, Martha's Vineyard; Sheila Kempton and Ed Morel, Point Judith.

Leaving our department were Harlan Goodwin, Jr., Bob Miller, and Stuart Spratt to continue their education; Ray Pariseau to enter the service; and Frank Troiano and Arthur Stockwell for other jobs. We wish them all luck in their future. Coming to us are Alfred Choiniere, George Charbonneau, Allan Dykstra, Rosaire Desruisseaux, who worked with us for many years, and Alice Burns, Edna Chomes and Mildred Benoit, all of 427.

## CARDS, SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

*by Millie Turgeon*

The deer that the family of Roland Graves has for a pet was found when only a few hours old and was brought up on a bottle. Apparently, its mother was killed during the hunting season. The deer is now very tame and follows the family around like a cat or dog would, and is in and out of the house as much. One day they were looking all over the place for it and finally found it—sleeping on the piano! This deer is now getting big but Roland feels that he can't turn it loose in the woods for fear that some hunter would take advantage of its tame, trusting manner. Roland is thinking of giving it to a reservation. . . . Gordon Thomson and Louis Lucier of 422 have received their five-year pins. . . . Recently Mr. Rankine presented

*Joe Scott (right center), formerly of Department 422, left the Company in August after completing 27 years of service. Tom Stevenson, left, department foreman, presented Joe with a purse of money on behalf of Joe's fellow-workers and friends. On Thursday, August 23, a farewell banquet was held in Joe's honor at the Maple Tree Inn. Among those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Baird. Before retiring a short while ago, Andy was foreman of Department 422. Henry Beaudoin, assistant foreman, is shown in the right foreground. Joe and his family will reside in California*

*The fawn pictured above was found when only a few hours old and is now the pet of Richard Graves, son of Roland Graves, Department 422*

*Louis Philip Demers of the Spinning Floor has over 7,000 stamps in his stamp collection. He has been with the Company since July, 1923*

*Mark Pawlowski, son of Walter Pawlowski, Tool Job, needed no coaxing to pose with this four and one-half pound bass caught by his father*

a ten-year pin to Rene Stebenne. . . . Francis Muscatel who also received a five-year pin recently, celebrated his birthday last month. Others who observed birthdays were: Oscar Kurowski, Harry Downs, John Cardone, Titus Ebbeling, Ernest Bonoyer and Evens Bedisian. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Piper celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary on August 26, at Chicken Pete's in Milford.

James Krull had an enjoyable time at the Springfield Fair. Elsie Belrose also enjoyed a day at the Eastern States Exposition. . . . Dick San Souci had the timekeeping job well under control during the absence of our regular timekeeper, Jennie Saunders. . . . Among the familiar faces seen at the Red Sox-Yankee game on Saturday, September 22, were Bob Stewart, Andy Baird, Tommy Stevenson, Henry Beaudoin, Charlie Hockstra, Chewie Lueier, Rita Deome, Dick Sanderson, Jr., Rose and Bill Foley, Mary Esten, Gene Kurowski, and his wife, Francis Julien, Johnny Walsh, George Comp, Donald Sangster, and a few others I can't recall offhand.

## PURCHASE-INSPECTION. JOBBING AND DRILLING

*by Frances Kenney*

*Vacation Notes:* Vivian Dumais and Emma Proulx vacationed at Lake George. . . . Mrs. Lillian Benjamin, Mrs. Kathrine Seneeal, and Mrs. Rosanna Wilde vacationed at Hampton Beach. . . . Rose Shinian spent her week in Detroit. . . . Elsie Conrad vacationed in Montreal. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnett visited in New York City on their vacation. . . . Mr. and Mrs. William Demague vacationed at New Found Lake. . . . Your reporter and family spent a week at Duxbury Beach. . . . Sidney Nisbeck motored to Baltimore, Md. . . . Mr. Lester Hewitt, foreman of Department 425, flew to California. . . . Rita Vallee spent her vacation in New Hampshire. . . . William Boudreau motored to Montreal. . . . Susan Gusney motored to Maine and New Hampshire. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Houghton motored to New Hampshire and Maine.

The welcome mat is out for Ruthie Berquist from Department 451.

## SPINNING FLOOR. CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

Our belated congratulations to the 448 softball team who won the Industrial Softball Championship. Two straight in the finals, both pitched by rubber-armed Bill Leaver. Outside of our own loyal supporters, no one picked the new champs to win. . . . Now on to our bowling team. Captained by Sid (Red) DeJong and composed of Harry Cornell, Joe Valis, Buster Bromley, Tom Burns, and Harry Garabedian, they have already beaten the Winder Job, 3–1 and the Tool Job 4–0, at this writing. . . . Recipients of five-year pins to date are Richard Noe, Harriet Van Dyke, Ellen Ledue, and John Fleszar. Due to an oversight, Eddie Baker should have been cited three months ago for his 15-year pin. (Not just because he is a Yankee fan, either.)

Arthur and Mrs. Taylor stopped in Lydonville, Vt., at the hotel operated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duggan, formerly of this town. They also met Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, daughter and son-in-law of the Duggans who are also working and keeping the establishment. Arthur reported wonderful meals, rooms, reasonable rates, and a good spot for anyone from town up that way for the hunting, fishing, or skiing.

John Dorey of 448 has been recalled into the Armed Forces. . . . Sorry to miss Joe Valis on the vacation list. Joe had a wonderful opportunity to visit his brother at Fort Bragg, N. C., and made good connections all the way through. Hope he makes as good on the bowling team. . . . Our thanks to Mrs. Clinton White for the blueberry pie she sent to the boys one noon. Best wishes to Clinton on getting his new home built soon.

Our personality of the month is Louis Philip Demers who first came to work on the Spinning Floor, July, 1923. Outside of a temporary transfer he has spent all his shop time in this department. He has eight children, four of whom are employed in the Company. Philip used to make screens during his spare time, but now devotes his leisure moments to his stamp collection. He has over 7,000 stamps. Philip and his family reside at 16 D Street.

## TOOL JOB

*by George Jones*

For the past two years, one of our angling sportsmen, namely, Joe Bouley, has been visiting the Cape Cod Canal with the hope of bringing home a worthwhile catch of his own, rather than something out of a fish market. We are glad to report that he didn't have to finish this year's fishing in a market, for his voice rings with pride when he tells about his six-pound striped bass, plus a string of seven bluefish some of which weighed over five pounds. Yes sir, Joe, we're proud of you!

*Small Tale of Woe:* Sid Baker put up the forms for an eight-inch retaining wall around his driveway. When Rosenfeld's men started to pour in the cement the forms expanded so that he had a 12-inch wall and Sid started yelling above the noise of the motors, "Stop! Stop! Look what you're doing to my wall!" (Oh, well, we hope that you don't let it bother you too much, Sid, next time you can start with a four-inch form.)

Our personality for the month is George Murray Moran, born in Arlington, Mass. who came to Whitinsville when he was nine years old. He attended the schools in the town of Northbridge before becoming an employee of the Whitin Machine Works. His first job in the plant was as a helper on the Herman rollovers in the Foundry and he worked there for two years before being transferred to the Roll Job, where he spent two more years. In 1940 George came to the Tool Job and worked as a cutter grinder until he was taken into the U. S. Army for four and one-half years. Since his return he

*George Moran is the Tool Job's personality of the month*

*Holding this 6¾ pound bass is Archie Burroughs, formerly of Department 446, and now retired. Archie does most of his fishing across from the Fish and Game Club. His nephew is Philip Johnson of the Cost Department*

*William Chiras, Spindle Job personality, has been with Department 439 since 1925*

has worked as an inspector of tools and cutters in the cutter grinding room of the Tool Job. George is married, has one child, and lives in Uxbridge. He is a sexton of St. Mary's Church in Uxbridge, and his hobby is raising flowers.

John Mullaly made an exit from the U. S. Navy a short while ago. The Navy's loss is our gain for John is back in the Whitin Machine Works repairing machinery. He has five years of service in Whitins. He is a veteran of World War II where he served three and one-half years. While in the Navy this time, he was stationed in Greenland for three months. John makes his home in Millville with his wife and two children.

There is a fishing feud going on between the day and night shift. Charlie Resan represents the day men and Mike Pawlowski the night hawks. So far, the night men are getting the best of the argument by producing pictures. In this issue we have a picture of Mike's son with a four and one-half-pound big mouth bass. . . . The W. M. W. Bowling League has started and Department 454 has a team entered in the competition. The team's roster includes: Art Barsey, Bill Hall, Ed Postma, and Fred Cowburn, all of whom work on the job. Al Nichols of the Warehouse and Willie Shaw, the candy man, both former Tool Job men, complete the roster. Our team did fine on the first night out, taking three points from the Spindle Job. The following match with the Spinning Erectors was a complete reversal. Our boys lost all four points. Why not join the fun on Wednesday nights and give the team some well-needed moral support.

Recently, the sports on the Tool Job were selling Hershey bars two for a nickel. Everyone thought they had a bargain until they saw they had purchased *miniature* Hershey bars.

## SPINDLE JOB

***by Ed Bates***

William Chiras of the Spindle Job arrived here from Lithuania in 1911 and worked on the Chuck and Roll Jobs until he returned to Lithuania in 1921. Bill resumed his work here in 1925 and has been on the Spindle Job since. He has polished steps of spindles for the main part of the time here. As you can see in the picture, Bill is stamping whorls which will be assembled onto aluminum sleeves later. Bill has three sons and a daughter.

Seen the other day . . . Stanley Rutana getting around on his daughter's bicycle while she was driving his new Chevrolet. This is the way it goes when your children get to be over 16. . . . William Jankowski, who lives in Webster and works on the Spindle Job, was burned about the face, on September 10, when gasoline fumes ignited while burning trash. We hope he will return to work soon. . . . We hope that Joseph McCrea and Thomas Fitzpatrick will be back again soon.

## CORE ROOM

***by Francis Shugrue***

They are all back, safe and sound. Louis Bilodeau and family traveled to Canada; Edgar Parent visited Ontario; Bill Ridley vacationed in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; John Kurowski toured the White Mountains and made the mistake of taking in a day at Narragansett track. . . . Ralph McRea took in the sights in Washington, D. C. . . . Gerrit Ebbeling and family spent a few days traveling and the rest of the time supervising the building of his new home on Golthwait Road. . . . Jeff Oliver visited his son, Harold, in Pittsburgh, Penn. His son is a Navy recruiting officer there. . . . Jim Benjamin and family could be found on the beach at Hampton. Jim claims that he saw a lot of Whitinsville people there. . . . Norman Gendron visited relatives in Canada. . . . Vaughn Harding is the champion hog caller of the Core Room. Vaughn and his dad purchased a pig recently and they placed him in a small pen at the father's home near Lackey Dam. "Do you think he'll get out?" asked the father. "No," Vaughn replied, "but if he does, call me up and I'll go chase him." Twelve-thirty that night, Vaughn got the call and went speeding up to his father's farm. On the way he stopped at his boathouse and got his large shiner net. The pig was in the woods and the two partners searched for an hour with flashlights. The pig finally decided to go back to the pen and have a nap. They nailed up a few more boards to insure a good night's sleep for themselves but the pig was also tired and waited till the following night to take another jaunt in the moonlight.

## CHUCK JOB

***by Rusty Malkasian and Dot Antoian***

Leland Watson, our rate setter, and Mrs. Watson, have returned from a wonderful trip to Florida. They covered 3,245 miles and traveled through twelve states. . . . It was a sad day at 418 when Joan Dorsey, the stock clerk, was transferred to Department 429. The fellows in the office bought Joan a box of chocolates as a farewell token. . . . Ronald Deschene, the inspector, was transferred to Department 427, and Claude Auclair, of Department 427 is now inspecting at 417. . . . Francis Snay has been on sick leave for several weeks. We are certainly looking forward to having you back with us, Fran. . . . Good to see Marion Larsen back on the job again. Marion dislocated her kneecap, and spent several days in the Whitinsville Hospital. . . . Willis Winchenbach celebrated his 70th birthday on September 20 and it is said that he received a birthday kiss from Henrietta Hoogendyke (lucky guy!) . . . Joe Stevens, time clerk observed his birthday September 8. . . . Arthur Houle and Willis Winchenbach were seen at the sulky races at Foxboro, and from all reports, they had an enjoyable time.

*A wedding shower for Mrs. Susan Berry Mayr, of Department 439, was held recently at the Bocci Club in Rhode Island. Susan was married to Mr. Oskar Mayr on September 15 and they are now residing at 17 Forest Street in Whitinsville. Those present at the shower were, front row, left to right: Jennie Chosta, Jennie Baker, Mrs. Mayr, Virginia Hamlen, Rachel Roy. Second row: Vera Carr, Lena MeKay, Catherine Jacques, Rose Coporale, Margaret Damerjian, Geraldine Koprusak, Margaret Derlin, Catherine Gilroy, Mary Whalen, Mary Valis, Eva Barnes, Yvonne Saure, and Eva Morin*

## GRINDER JOB

***by Virginia Burke***

Congratulations to Ernie and Mrs. Littizzio on their 14th wedding anniversary. Ernie lives in Worcester and has two sons. . . . Fred Vallee celebrated his birthday on the 13th of September and received the good wishes of the department. . . . Henry Nejadlik received his fifteen-year pin in August. . . . Herman Picard is now one of our group leaders, replacing Joe Haringa, who has left to resume his studies, and Vernon Akmadjian has returned to Clark University where he is a senior. . . . Vacation week was enjoyed by all members of the Grinder Job, some going to the mountains, seashore, fishing, shopping, trucking, fixing up their homes or just relaxing around home. George Moran spent his at Point Judith and returned with a wonderful coat of tan. . . . Bill Todd was busy fixing up Riley's Pond. . . . Joe Adams drove to New York and New Hampshire. . . . Joe Haringa visited one of the former Whitin's baseball players at Pittsfield. . . . Jeannette Sisoian had a trip to York Beach. . . . Leo Hartshorn drove to Maine for the first part and finished the week at Point Judith. . . . Ray Fitton spent his in Rhode Island. . . . Fred Bouffard spent his at Plymouth . . . so did Vic Fagnant. . . . Fred Vallee had a wonderful week camping near Lake Winnepesaukee. . . . Frank Mancini at Nantasket and installing an electric pump. . . . Eric Couture went to New York. . . . Al Buma did considerable traveling covering four states, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Vermont. . . . Percy Luchini visited relatives in Maine. . . . David Blakely enjoyed a trip to Canada and Nova Scotia. . . . Mabel Coleman, York Beach and New York. . . . Virginia Burke spent part of hers at Rockport. . . . Clinton Tracy was at Turo, on the Cape, fishing and clamming.

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

***by Bill Scanlon***

Alex St. Germaine came back from vacation with many stickers on his car, most of them from Canada. . . . Eddie Connors took advantage of his two weeks and went to New Hampshire and Putnam, Conn. . . . Charlie Commons is back after two weeks. He saw several ball games. Incidentally, Charlie is a great home town rooter. He really is loyal to the Whitin team. . . . Pete Prymak went to Winnipeg, his annual vacation spot. Pete had the pleasure, recently of seeing his buddy, Joey Mackson, finish off Murphy. Pete said that he looked more like his old self. Pete still trains by punching the bag and boxing on the side.

## PARKERIZING AND NICKELPLATING

***by Rene Ethier***

*Vacation Notes:* Dosilva Beauchamp enjoyed his week's vacation by doing a little fishing out at Rockport. . . . Clifford Rivet went to Canada to visit some of his friends. . . . Richard Gray added the finishing touch to his new home. . . . Philip Heney stayed at home with a cold. . . . Our foreman, Ernie Lawson, stayed at Hampton Beach. . . . Clayton Thurber spent the week in Pennsylvania. . . . Ralph Cutler spent the week in Lake Placid, N. Y., where he visited his brother who was ill. . . . Robert Steward spent a quiet week with his family at Narragansett Pier. . . . Oscar Asadoorian and Mrs. went to Niagara Falls. . . . Harry Crocket got caught up on a little haying at his farm. . . . Nap Papineau flew out to New Jersey to visit relatives. . . . Jimmy Grady went to New Hampshire. . . . Karl Lewicke spent one enjoyable week at the Polish Hall. . . . Vallee King went to Halifax, Nova Scotia. . . . Your reporter attended most of the ball games in Boston. . . . Our stock clerk, Ruth Magill spent a week in New Hampshire.

## PICKER SMALL PARTS, PICKER ERECTING AND DRAWING DEPARTMENTS

***by Syd Miedema***

We are happy to see Abel Lortie back to work after six months' illness. . . . The shop vacation period saw many going on their final summer trips: Jimmy Davidson and Allen Baldwin to New York City; John Skeary and family and Beverly Bratt with friends, also visited New York; Roscan Tessier and Gideon Berard to Montreal as well as Aime Couture and Roger Brissette (with their families) to the same city. George Wheeler and family to Cape Cod and Esten Hill and wife sightseeing in Washington, D. C. Harold Wright and family enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in New Brunswick, along the St. Lawrence and the Thousand Islands. Keith Kilbreath, apprentice erector, and John Adams had a different kind of vacation. They are back with us after a training period in mills. Keith spent two months in Fall River and John spent two months in the Trent Mills in Ontario, Canada. Walter Philbrook enjoyed his boyhood town of Camden, Maine, and tried his luck with the fishing rod. William Hartley visited relatives in Brooklyn and Walnut Port, Pa. Peggy Mills spent her vacation in Maine and Ruth Magill enjoyed the White Mountains. . . . We are glad to see Louie Hayward back. . . . George Moussette was a recent guest of Walter Bavasi, vice-president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, at a dinner party, where he met several of the Dodger stars.

*This youngster is a Japanese textile worker. She receives 8.8 cents an hour in wages. Japan has been receiving free cotton from the United States, manufacturing many products similar to those made by our mills, and selling them in this country for less than it costs to make them. Now the Japanese textile industry is putting its men and women on roller skates to help speed up production. What next?*

## GEAR JOB

***by Agnes Spratt***

As the bowling season gets underway, the Gear Job boys start rolling. The Job has four teams: Old Pros, Whiz Kids, Old Timers, and Jolly Makers. Interest is high among the members for at the end of the season, they celebrate by awarding a prize for high single, high triple, and high average at a banquet.

*Vacation Highlights:* Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hanny and daughter, Phyllis, enjoyed their seventh consecutive vacation at the Allen-A Resort in Wolfboro, N. H. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hanny celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on October 8. . . . Bernice Kroll went to Springfield and Hampton. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pearly Chesley returned to Nova Scotia for three weeks. It was Pearly's first visit to his home town after an eight-year absence. . . . Robert Allen visited his brother in Chicago. Robert went by train and returned by plane. He says that that's the only way to travel. He will be 75 on his next birthday. . . . Alex Jongsma enjoyed a few days in New Jersey. . . . Stanton Putnam enjoyed the Cape. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Erickson toured the New England States. . . . The James Spratts' spent a few days on Mirror Lake while visiting the White Mountains. . . . Irene Kalvinack vacationed at Hampton. . . . The Francis Perrys spent a week at Hyannis. . . . Louise O'Connell had a wonderful week in New York. . . . Helen Weigersma and Mabel Ringholm took a trip to Niagara Falls. . . . Emile Holt also made a visit to Niagara. . . . Jack Blaine spent one week in slippers and a rocking chair and claims "that's a real vacation." . . . The Job welcomes back Donald King, who has been in the service for a year. It's good having you around again, Don.

## SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

***by Harold Ingham***

*Personality-of-the-Month:* Rosario Picotte, better known as "Pete" was born in Sutton but finished his school days in Whitinsville. He is married and has three children: Judy, 12; Donald, 9; and Linda, 3. Pete has been with the Shop for 15 years. He has 300 flying hours to his credit and one day hopes that he can be a pilot for a commercial concern. When not sailing through the clouds in an airplane, or speeding across Manchaug Pond in his 14-horsepower motorboat, you will find Pete working on his five-room house which he is building at Tessier Street, in Rochdale.

Lena Linck not only celebrated her birthday and wedding anniversary last month but also completed her eighth year with the Company. Congratulations, Lena! . . . George Dumas vacationed in Bainbridge, Md., the Catskill Mountains and the Howe Caverns; Tom McNamara visited in Ogonquit, Maine; Harry Garabedian toured Niagara Falls, Detroit, and Asbury Park; James Gibbons vacationed at Point Judith.

## ANNEALING ROOM AND BLACKSMITH SHOP

***by Claire Lapierre***

The personality this month is our good-natured foreman of the Annealing Room, Francis Veau. He has been with the Company for 18 years. During this time, he has worked at 438, on the Bolster Job the Lower Lumber Yard and, for the past nine years, in the Annealing Room. . . . He is a member of the Whitinsville Fire Department, and belongs to No. 2 Company. His two sons, Richard, age 11, and Robert, age 4, are his pride and joy. Francis enjoys baseball and football very much. His favorite pastimes are tinkering around automobiles and looking at television.

We congratulate Leo Boisvert, Ray Guertin and Arthur McKane of the Annealing Room who received their five-year service pins this month. . . . The workers at 409 welcome Merrit D. Tetreault who has replaced Bob Magill on the Spindle Blade. . . . They bid farewell to Haig Minasian who has returned to school. He is in his senior year at the University of Washington. . . . The employees of the Annealing Room and the Blacksmith Shop report that their vacation week was a very pleasant one, and enjoyed by all. Charles DerSarkisian spent his vacation in New Albany, Ind., visiting a cousin whom he had not seen in 27 years. . . . Newell Wallace and family went to Long Island, New York, and Brooklyn. While there he attended a game between the Dodgers and Cardinals. . . . Leonard Smith and family visited New York and the Cape. . . . Anita Parker and husband, enjoyed a nice week at Falmouth. . . . Birthdays come in "three" in Nick DiMarco's family. His wife and two sons observed birthdays this month. Best wishes also to Roland Picard, John Niro and John Wilson. . . . Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Newell Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker.

## MILLING JOB

***by Marie Ebbeling***

We say farewell to the following boys and wish them every success in their studies in the year that lies ahead: Ralph Noble, Harry W. Brown, Jr., Bruce Hopper, Edward Sambor, Harold Gilmore, John Mango, William

*Garabed Harabedian, Department 416 and his son-in-law Tony Martin of Worcester point to one of their stops on a recent trip to Provincetown*

C. Johnson, Paul Joly and Lionel Trudel, Jr. . . . Congratulations and many happy returns of the day to Bertha Ashton, Stell Kurowski, Rollande Morel, Norman Sutherland, Arthur Trottier, Sydney Vandersea, Olin Towle, Frank Rutana, Armand Legare, Alphonse Belanger, Edward Russell, Paul Dufresne, and Wendell Mitchell. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Dawe and relatives, vacationed near Fort Belvoir, Va., where they visited with their son, Joseph, who is stationed at the Engineers' Replacement Centre.

Jim (Bud) Daley boarded a train in Boston en route to Providence one fine day in July. He thought that a little nap on the way would come in handy, but when he opened his crystal clear eyes, he seemed to have landed in unfamiliar territory. Upon questioning the conductor, he learned that he was in New Haven, Conn.

## LINWOOD DIVISION

*by Louise Sohigian*

Farewells were said last month to Jerry Lauzier who left us to work in No. 5 Storesroom; also, to Bill Blair, a summer helper. He was presented with a wallet on his departure. . . . Stella Nowack has joined the list of drivers and Harry Malkasian has traded in his car for a red convertible.

Vacation highlights: Everyone seems to have had a good time although I only heard bits of where they went. Harry Jackson went to Virginia to visit his daughter; Lil Scott went to Lake George; Aldea Peterson went to Maine; Evelyn Ashton went to the Cape; Ruth Todd went to the White Mountains; Adeline Montgomery went to New York. . . . Widgie Esposito's husband was home on furlough for fifteen days. They enjoyed their stay at the Cape. He is now stationed in Japan. . . . We are happy to welcome back Maria Donatella after a three-months' absence. . . . Birthday candles are lit this month for Alice Gardner and congratulations to Louise Mousseau who celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary on September 28.

*Louis Blanchard, a member of the Spinning Department since 1923, vacationed in Bartlett, N. H. He is shown holding the horses at bay*

*Edward Baldyga, formerly of the Experimental Room, served as a machinist mate on this ship which was caught in the ice in Greenland for one week. Edward's father, John Baldyga, is now employed in Department 448C*

*From the left: Lucy Mooradian, Stella Kurowski, and Mary Goyette with a friend, at Salisbury Beach where they vacationed. The three girls are members of Department 416*

## BOX JOB

*by Bernice Taylor*

That vacation week which was highly anticipated by everyone, is now in the past, but the pleasant memories still remain. Whether the vacation spot be in the mountains, at the shore, or just hanging around, the rest and change was enjoyable to all. . . . Canada was visited by Roland Bilodeau, George Gauthier, and Pete Lemire. Bud Searles, who works in the 440 Supply Room, also visited there. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dorsey vacationed at Nantucket. . . . Albert Emond and Reno Pigalargi toured Maine. . . . Hampton Beach was the vacation spot picked by Benny Oles. . . . Carl Larsson went to New Hampshire while Alex Pottie toured the neighboring state, Vermont. . . . Sawyer Joe Labrecque took a cottage at Wareham on Cape Cod. . . . Mike Ovoian went to New York. . . . Terry Merolli vacationed at Narragansett Pier, while Bernice visited old friends in Newark, N. J.

Bowling is now in full swing and this year the Box Job is a member of the Shop bowling league. We were a little slow in getting started and in our first match we were defeated by the Office Team. On September 19, we met the Repair Department and the result was a tie. High scorer for 440 was Ralph Nolet. . . . Elphege Lariviere paid a visit to the Hayward Schuster Mills in East Douglas on September 19, with the Foremen's Club. The men were placed in groups of ten and each group had a guide who explained the work as they went along. It was most interesting to see Whitin Machinery being used for the various operations. Then a movie was shown which illustrated the reprocessing of rags and old clothes.

Four of our men were awarded service buttons last month: Pete Lemire was presented his 10-year pin by Mr. Rankine. Bill Beausoleil, Carl Larsson, and Alex Potie were recipients of five-year pins presented by foreman, Al Blanchette.

## AROUND THE PLANT

*by Sally Jones*

It Only Happens in a Small Town. . . .

One morning last month, six men appeared at Angus Parker's two-tenement house on Crescent Street equipped with paint cans and brushes, ready to give Angus a helping hand in brightening up his house. The result was that in a few hours, by working together, the house was completed. Angus certainly appreciates his friends' thoughtfulness. To Gerrit Folkerts, Slim Stairs, Walter Kapolka, George Ferry, Walter Goudreau and Arthur Goudreau, we say, "Good work!"

*Ben Scott, foreman of Department 448A, on the left, was the man to identify last month. Do you know the gentleman on the right?*

*Mr. and Mrs. Donat Roy celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary at a party held in their honor at Village Hall, Northbridge*

*These fine-looking twins. Ronald and Robert, are the sons of "Connie" Trasavage of the Winder Job. The twins were 11 years old in April*

## PLANERS AND PUNCH JOB

***by Ray Woodcome***

Congratulations to Camile Bellerose, supervisor of the second shift, on receiving his five-year service pin. . . . Ernie Buker is back after a long illness. He is now doing bench work on 416. Welcome back, Ernie. . . . The Department 414 softball team didn't do too well this year, but we are looking forward to a better one next year. Our bowling team has started off well, though. We took two points from the Foundry team in the opening match and four points from the Apprentice team in the second match. The team is composed of Freddie Siepietowski, Norm Burroughs, Ray Stanovitch, Oscar Asadoorian, Dick Garabedian, and Ray Woodcome.

Vacations this year were enjoyed by Madelaine Abbuso at Washington, D. C.; Jerry Bruso, Raoul Poulin, Oscar Martin, Earl White at Scarboro, R. I.; Donat Ray at Atlantic City and Washington, D. C.; Xavier Cadrin, Andre Labbe in Canada; Richard Van Dyke at Niagara Falls and Eleanor Kurzu in Arizona and California. . . . Ethel Blakely has returned to work after several weeks illness. . . . Leo Asadoorian has returned from his summer training with the Army and has resumed his new job as group leader on Department 414.

Armand Benoit is a newcomer to Department 412; he is now inspecting cradles. . . . Norman Flammand is the new planner at 412. New faces on 414 are Janet Pieleski, requisition clerk; Donald Terhune, night helper; William Oparowski, day helper; and Joseph Garbarczyk. New apprentices are Arthur Bokoski and Henry Krauczyk. . . . Men returning to work after leaves of absence are Gaudius Bilodeau, Job Vaillancourt, and Arthur Brooks. . . . Roland St. Andre has his own garage business in Saundersville. Roland used to be with 414. . . . Our summertime students have resumed their studies. They are Robert Mike Blouin, Gerard Dionne and Arthur Jackman.

Department 414 sponsored a fishing party the 15th of September. William Oparowski was awarded the prize for the largest fish and Richard VanDyke took home honors for the smallest. . . . Charles (Lazo) Sohigian is riding around in a new green Oldsmobile and Edgar Carpenter has a new Victoria Ford. . . . Department 415 has a new planner who s replacing Charles Robinson now connected with the Providence Sprinkler Company. We welcome Gilbert Rowley.

## ROLL JOB

***by Cesag Onanian***

The personality for the month is our foreman, Cecil Baker, who was born in Holland and came to Whitinsville when he was nine months old. Cecil received his education in the public schools and attended Trade School in Worcester for three winters. He started to work on the Roll Job under George Gill, at the age of 14. His first job was filing flutes and later he worked at all the other operations on the Job. He was appointed second hand to Jack Carroll in 1930 and served in this capacity until he was appointed foreman in 1934. He was married here in Whitinsville in 1922 and is the father of three sons. The oldest works in the Shop as an apprentice, the next one is in the Air Corps stationed in Wyoming and the youngest goes to school. He is a past-deacon of the Christian Reform Church and was also on the church's school committee. He is a member of the Whitco Foreman's Club and is a great fisherman. He is an ardent Red Sox fan and enjoys gardening.

Frances Haringa, one of our inspectors, is out on a leave of absence. . . . Andrew Buwalda is absent because of illness. . . . Edward Trasavage has become a property owner and the people on C Street are waiting for their new neighbor to move in. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trainor of Mendon observed their sixth wedding anniversary on October 8. Hazel works in our office. . . . Chester Flinton lost his fishing pole while fishing at Manchaug Lake and a week later, his brother Harold, who was fishing there, pulled it out. We wonder if anyone catches fish there! . . . Birthday greetings for the month: Mike Ardesian, Joseph C. Dumais, Bazil Konvent, Amede D. L'Heureux, Bill Bergeron, and Wilfred Rivard.

## ROVING SMALL PARTS, FLYERS AND ERECTING

*by Dan Gonlag*

Joseph Defoe has been in Whitinsville hospital since September 13 with a badly lacerated hand. . . . Jack O'Brien observed his birthday on September 17. . . . Margaret Nelson celebrated her sixth wedding anniversary on September 15. . . . Mary Burns, Edna Chomes and Mildred Benoit have been transferred to the Ring Job. . . . At this writing, Bill Hayes is a patient in the Quigley Memorial Hospital and is reported to be improving. . . . Among our members who visited Canada during the vacation period were Bernard Lemieux, Philip Beauregard, Dan Gonlag, Joseph Jacques. To Maine, Arthur St. Pierre, Richard Pleau, Earl Dandridge, Fred Muse, Richard O'Rourke, Marcel Lustinberger toured the White Mountains, while Charles Kuipers, Joe Rivers, and Pete Cournoyer went to Hampton Beach. Margaret Nelson, Fred Kramer, William Ledue, Ira Naroian, Victoria Poliquin, and Clarence Prouty visited Cape Cod. Frances Cody was in R. I.; Sis Swart went to N. J.; Bill Lyman and Larry Gonsorcik went to Pennsylvania; while Ed Frappier ended up in Detroit, and Mary Hugley in Alabama. Three of our members had bad breaks and spent their vacations in the hospital. They were Bill Hayes, Lester Murray, and George Durant.

At Department 435, I'm informed that the boys had a very fine steak supper with their wives, at the Colonial Club on August 8. . . . Dean Perkins spent his vacation in Maine; Ronald Cogbill visited in Missouri; Andrew Volk went to Canada, Michigan and Chicago; Joseph Racicot, Jerry Lemay and Al Belanger went to the Cape; Bernard Roddy and Albert Cartier went to Canada; Larry Ramsey and Alphonse Gabreau went to Washington and Virginia; Joseph Boskowski attended the Detroit State Fair; William Wysoski spent the week at Sunapee Lake, N. H.; Louis Croteau took a plane to California and returned by automobile. . . . Thomas Eccleston has been on the sicklist for several weeks. We hope that he will be back with us soon.

*Cecil Baker, the foreman of the Roll Job, enjoys fishing, gardening, and baseball*

## CAST IRON ROOM

*by Jerry Moussette*

Our personality of the month is Stanley Chudy who has been an inspector in Department 405 for the past eight months. Stanley is a Pennsylvanian by birth, enjoys swimming, softball and baseball. He was a member of the 405 softball team this season, but due to an unfortunate back injury was forced to be absent from work and the team. Stanley and Mrs. Chudy live in Woonsocket, R. I., with their two sons, Stanley, Jr., 14, and Robert, who is 4.

Happy birthday to Marie Dumas and welcome to Clara Shaharian on her return to work after a long illness. . . . Charles Almasian received his 30-year pin this past month. Mr. Almasian has a son George, who is also employed at Department 405.

*This is a photo of the 27-year-old Night Blooming Cereus which Dan Gonlag, a reporter, had the opportunity to admire while on vacation. Blooming only once a year for the past eight years, the plant has broken some kind of a record this year. A total of 30 blossoms had been counted when Dan arrived. The owner had the plant for ten years before it blossomed*

## REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

*by Joyce Rondeau and Charles Polucha*

Our department is represented in the shop bowling league by six stalwart gentlemen, all tried and true. Sorry to say that on their first outing, they dropped four points to the Freight House aggregation. Members of the team are Henry (Charlie Horse) Thomas, Dick (I should of did better) Cunningham, Adam (Speed) Davidson, Charlie (they moved the pins on me) Anderson, Tommy Crawford, and Bill Taylor.

September was the anniversary month for the following in our department: Joyce Rondeau, Lucille Buma, and Theresa Montville. Also Richard Cunningham. Oh, yes, Chet Walker celebrated his birthday on the fourteenth. . . . Sadie Gonynor is on a six weeks' leave of absence. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney R. Mason and daughter, Priscilla, recently spent several weeks vacationing up on Kennebago Lake. . . . Our young blond miss, Betty Wood of the Export Section, was honored at a prenuptial party held at the Colonial Club. She was married to Edward Valk at the Village Congregational Church on September 29.

*Stanley Chudy of the Cast Iron Room is very active in sports and was a member of this season's 405 softball team*

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Jean Cunningham*

Barbara Gray has resumed her studies at Providence Bible Institute. . . . Herman Roche has entered Massachusetts State College. . . . Jacqueline Taylor is now working in Wage Standards, just across the hall. . . . Wilmot Hastings, Betty Kollet, and Helen Cooney are newcomers to our Department. . . . Also, an extended welcome to Dick Duquette who hails from Douglas. . . . Shirley Noble's husband has returned to his last year at school. . . . Only men celebrated birthdays this month in our department: Happy returns to Frank Budnick, Jack Lalor, Ed McNamee, Ed Reeves, and Arno Wagner. . . . Doc Maguire has a new Chevrolet. . . . Ed Mandeville went fishing in York, Maine, and landed a 375-pound tuna. It took three hours to match wits against the fish, but Ed finally won after a hard struggle. . . . Jim Colton has a beehive that houses 20,000 bees. As long as Jim treats them all right, the bees are Jim's friends.

From George Fullerton's office, we find that Jim Dundas is spending his vacation in Kansas and Missouri. . . . Eileen Andrews visited in Nova Scotia and had a grand time. . . . George Fullerton plans to visit Quebec and Montreal soon. . . . Bill and Nancy Boyd are settled in their home on Pine Street. . . . Ken Benner spent his vacation motoring through Maine.

*Ray Mooradian, of the Research Division, is a Whitinsville native who served with the Army for four years*

## RESEARCH DIVISION

***by John Rose***

*Personality of the Month:* Ray Mooradian, of Department 464-B, was born in Whitinsville. He attended local schools and six years of night school at Worcester Boys Trade. When he entered the Whitin Machine Works on July 29, 1929, he worked under the late William Fullerton on the Bolster Job. From that time to 1942, when he entered the Army, he has worked in various departments around the Shop. In 1945, he married Gertrude Kunich from California. Ray was discharged from the Army in 1946, and on his return to the Whitin Machine Works, he was transferred to the Research Division. Ray and his wife live on C Street. He recently purchased a six-tenement house from the Company on the same street. Ray has a keen sense of humor and a subtle personality. His hobbies are baseball and fishing.

*Vacations:* Ross Newton and family vacationed for two weeks in Vermont and Nova Scotia. . . . Chick Blakely enjoyed a week in New Brunswick after a two weeks' stay in the hospital. . . . Thaddeus Minior visited various beaches through Maine and enjoyed a trip to the White Mountains on his return trip home. . . . Maynard Krull and wife spent a week at Niagara Falls. . . . Louis Rutana with family and friends, enjoyed 10 days at Buzzards Bay. . . . Ken Stanley, wife and daughter, Gayle, spent a week visiting relatives and taking in surrounding beaches. . . . Ed Perry and his family toured to many states, such as Pennsylvania, Washington, and Virginia. . . . His visits to the Sky Line Drive, the Delaware Water Gap and Gettysburg were most enjoyed. . . . Jack Walsh, along with eight male companions enjoyed five days at Hampton Beach. . . . Herb Spencer, mother, brother Bill, and his niece have returned from a motor trip through Washington, D.C., Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and many other states. They also visited Canada. . . . Al Benson went to Brooklyn with friends last week. . . . Herbert Cutler spent a week at Lake Placid. . . . John Dudley enjoyed a week at Martha's Vineyard and Eastham. . . . Rupert Smith and family spent one enjoyable week fishing at Bass River. . . . Joe Kostka vacationed in Canada. . . . Wally Caron spent a few days at Point Judith. . . . John Nydam and family were guests of Ray Cabana at his uncle's camp at the Whitin Reservoir.

Birthday greetings for the month go to Sam Joyce, Albert Benson, Francis Lash, and Jack Rauth. . . . We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ted Giemza who celebrated their wedding anniversary in September. . . . John Dudley is still trying to solve the mystery of the week. Seems he left a large luscious red tomato on his table and on his return it was not to be found! If he had looked around, he would have seen two of his friends(?) licking their lips with enjoyment. . . . Mr. Cabot returned on September 5 and everyone took a minute or two to welcome him back. . . . We wish to extend a sincere welcome to Myron Boyko and Warren Campbell. Myron was born in Woonsocket and was educated in the Blackstone schools. He was graduated from the R. I. School of Design with a degree in textile engineering.

*Howard Cook, Cal Hubbard and Bill Baird, expert gladioli growers of the Works Accounting Division, who recently attended the gladioli exhibition in Horticultural Hall, Boston*

. . . Mike was married in November, 1950, and his hobby is wood work. . . . Warren was born in Milford and received his education in the Uxbridge schools. He is now attending evening classes at Worcester Junior College. He was married on March 29, 1947. His hobby is athletics.

The Research Division has organized a Bowling League and elected Rupert Smith, president; Frank Skalko, secretary; and John Hapworth, treasurer. . . . Three strings were bowled on September 10 to get trial averages, and there were a few stiff backs and arms the next morning.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

***by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin***

Congratulations to the following employees who recently received their five-year pins: Carol Arakelian, Edmund Belanger, Betty Bisson, Frances Gonsorcik, Doris Kellaher, Cecelia Normandin, Ruth Cameron, Virginia DeVries, Alice Gardner, Rene Lisak, and Nick Rossetti.

*Final Diamond Dust:* A most successful season, the first in the Shop League, has come to its conclusion, but we must go back for a few play-off highlights. . . . In the semi-final game we settled a couple of old scores. We went in against the Winder Job in everyone's opinion (but ours) a definite underdog, as they had defeated us in the regular season. Also a certain party on the Winder Job offered to buy cigars for the entire team if they defeated "Dorsey's" team. The only thing that filled the air around 449 the next morning, I'll assure you, was gloom and not cigar aromas, as we posted one of the season's few shutouts to the tune of 3 to 0. Chuck Wade pitched great ball in a losing cause, but John "Coo" Mercak was just a little better. Tom Cawley came through with the pay-off blow that sent us into the finals and a trophy. We dropped two straight to 448 and Bill Leaver by the same scores of 6 to 5. We lost to a good club but I might add that if a few of the breaks came for and not against us, one in particular on the last play of the final game, things might have been just a little different. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys who gave all they had, all the way and it was a pleasure being associated with them. Also all our thanks to the Shop for sponsoring such an extensive program.

*Vacation Sidelights:* Ted and Betty Bisson with another couple were visiting at Atlantic City. Ted parked his car on the street while the party went shopping and came back to find the car missing. It did not take long to get on the trail of the missing gas buggy after questioning a police officer. Ted found that he had been parked in a restricted area and his car had been towed to a garage. Ted was able to talk the officer out of a ticket but he could not duck the towing charge.

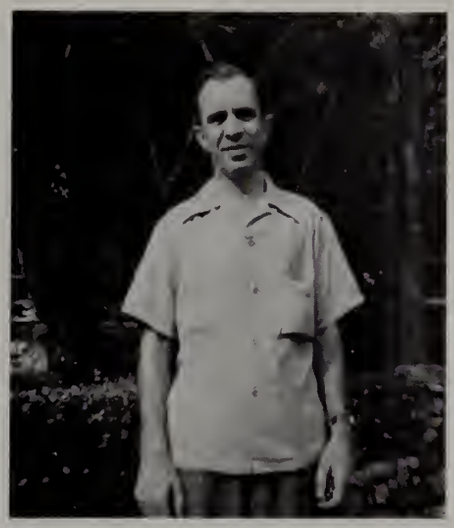
*Louis Merolli with daughter Terry A and Mrs. Merolli at Narragansett Pie Mrs. Merolli is an office clerk on t Box Job*

. . . Sitting at a resort in Portland, Maine, Anor Champany felt a hand touching her shoulder. Paying no attention at first she finally returned around to find our good friend, Roger Yeaton. (Small world.) . . . On September 19 the Colonial Club in Webster was the scene of a well attended shower in honor of Dottie (Manter) Doyle and Dorothy (Bosma) Ebbeling. After a famous Colonial Club supper, entertainment for the occasion was furnished by those present and attractive gifts presented to both brides. The entire Production Department wishes these two popular young ladies every happiness in the future. . . . About 80 of Tom Cawley's friends honored him at a "stag" at the Progressive Club in North Uxbridge, September 20. A chicken pie supper was served by a caterer after which Tom was presented a purse by Freddie Siepietowski. Jim Brosnahan served as M.C. for the affair which wound up with a varied program of entertainment.

Who remembers when: "Bill" Walsh used to sell candy at the Gym basketball games—Vic Romasco was the ace trombonist with the Uxbridge High School Band—Harley Keeler played a pretty fair basketball game for Northbridge—Dorsey Devlin (at 120 pounds) played the backfield for the old Whitin Crusaders—Ernie Roberti was the mainstay of St. Mary's of Milford football teams—Norm Wright, our editor, captained a crack N.H.S. basketball team—and the night in Worcester when Norm, who was a terrific backboard man, played the best game of his career—Jimmy Jones directed plays for the old Whitin Dramatic Club—Necco Brown and Haddo Kelliher were end men for the Jolly Rovers minstrel shows and the Jolly Rovers were a pretty active outfit in town.

*No. 5 Notes:* The following have left No. 5 to resume their studies: Sylvia Kooistra, Louis Turner, Lanny Remillard, Wilfred Dubois and John Hoell. Our best wishes go to them. George Mooradian, Gene DiCostanza and George Bockstael have left to enter the Armed Forces and we are hopeful that they will not be away too long. While we say "adieu" to some, we say "hello" to others as the following are new employees: Lloyd Roche, Dan Griffith, Ronald Magill, Albert Roy, Ed Dennett, Jr., Fred Dexter, Jr., Ovila Breault, Francis Caswell, Gerald Lauzier, Normand Girard, Henry Manigan, Robert Lucos, Byron Wentworth, Ray Mosley, Claire Bien, and Norma Baker. We also welcome Phyllis Crosby from No. 15 and Sis Kozak from No. 12. . . . We hope that Betty Menard and Yvonne Morven who are at this time confined to their homes with illness will be back with us real soon. No. 5 vacationers included Frank Hogan and Nick Rossetti to Misquamicut; Alice Gardner to Framingham; Eve Lundberg to Pennsylvania; Norma Baker, Pat Rivet, and Eva Dumas to Maine; Terry Girard to New York and Canada; and Sis Kozak to the Berkshires.

*Bill Hayes, Paul Blaine, and Dorsey Devlin pose for a picture before attending the American Legion Convention at Holyoke in August*



*Ray Tebeau of the Master List Department has been with the Company since 1939. His favorite pastime is sports*

## MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

***by R. W. Yeo***

*Personality of the Month:* Raymond A. Tebeau. Ray and his mother live at 22 Brook Street where Ray has recently purchased a home. Ray is a graduate of the Class of '37 at Holy Cross College in Worcester where he obtained an A.B. degree. He has been employed by Whitins for the past 12 years, starting as an inspector in 1939. He worked for the Inspection Department, in Department 417 and Department 429 for three years. He then went to Department 406 as a stock clerk for one year and in 1944 went to the Cost Department for four years. In 1948 Ray became a member of the Master List Department and his present position is that of Repair Order Analyst where he processes Repair Orders and establishes assemblies necessary for those orders. Ray's father was employed at Whitin Machine Works for 42 years until his death in 1935, and Ray's uncle has worked at Department 451 for 30 years. Ray belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Holy Cross Alumni Association, and treasurer of the Northbridge H. S. Alumni Association. Ray's main interest outside working hours is sports.

*Corporal Joseph Majeau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Majeau of Riverdale, recently enjoyed a 17-day furlough with his parents*

*Notes:* Several members of the Department spent their vacations in various sections of Canada. R. K. Brown, II, Niagara Falls; Hazel Creighton, Montreal and Thousand Islands; Gordon Boutilier, Niagara Falls, Montreal, and Toronto; and your reporter, Niagara Falls and Hamilton. . . . Birthday greetings to: Barry Judson, Edna L'Esperance, and Jim Davidson, Jr.

## MAIN OFFICE

***by Alice Ferguson and Thelma Vandersea***

We welcome May Hutcheson of Tillicoultry, Scotland, who has taken over for Marion Scott. Marion left the first of September for Bellflower, Calif., where she will make her new home. Prior to working at the Whitin Machine Works, May was employed as a clerk at a Post Office in Scotland and also employed at J. L. Hudson's in Detroit, Mich. . . . Lewis Burns, formerly of the Purchasing Department, was home on leave and came in to see all his old friends. It was nice to see you, Lewie, come in and see us again sometime.

A few more vacationists: Ann Hreusik, New Hampshire; Betty Graham and Florence Baldwin, the Cape; Frances and Mrs. Guertin, Kennebunkport, Maine; Virginia Burke, Allen-A Camp, New Hampshire; Florence Tupper, Great Neck, Long Island; Everett Johnston, Wolf's Den, Jerusalem, Rhode Island; Christine Bosma, Little Squam, New Hampshire; Marjorie McCallum, motor trip to New Brunswick.

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

***by Peggy Deome***

Vacationers the week prior to the Shop's vacation were Ken Piper at Hampton Beach; Cathy Reeves and husband at Waterloo, N. Y.; Mario Bertone, Betty Bianchi, Sam

*Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkins cutting the wedding cake at their reception on August 25*

Hobbs all stayed at home with their respective families; Harry Roy at Sunapee Lake, N. H., with his family; Ray and Stella Boudreau did a beautiful job at painting their home; Jim Orrell and family spent their vacation in Maine; Roland Lejeune went to Long Island with his family; Ruth Firth Briggs was married at her home; Wally Meigs and family at Wood's Hole, Cape Cod; Pauline Wheeler's husband came home on a two weeks' furlough; George Remillard was at Falmouth for a few days with his parents, sister, and brothers; and Clarence Olney and family spent two delightful weeks in New Hampshire. The majority of the members of the Engineering Department were away from their homes with their families on the week the Shop closed down. Ernest Plante, wife and friends, recently went to Hershey, Penn., for a vacation. This is their eighth consecutive visit to Hershey.

The personality of the month is Betty Bianchi. She was born in Uxbridge and has three brothers and one sister. Two of her brothers are with the Company. After Betty graduated from St. Mary's in Milford she was cashier at the Cameo Theatre in Uxbridge. Soon after, she came to Whitins and has been here for six years. She is the head of the Blueprint Section. Her husband, Henry, served in the Navy during World War II. They now reside in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lejeune celebrated their third wedding anniversary on September 6. Roland works in the Engineering Department.

Werner Kahn and Henry Ebbeling have left our employ to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Rhode Island School of Design, respectively. . . . The Engineering Room softball team, who won the pennant in the Shop League, were guests of Joe Branigan at a turkey supper on Tuesday evening, September 11, at the Klondike Inn. During the evening, speeches were made by Manager Leo Roy and Assistant Manager Henry Rivet. All of the players were called on for a few remarks. Manager Roy, on behalf of the team, presented Joe with a Ronson lighter in appreciation of his loyal support to the team. Joe, in his remarks, said if they would play ball next year as well as they ate the turkey, there was no question as to whether they would win the pennant again. There was some question after the supper as to who was the champion eater. It was very close between Fred Tattersall and the team's fireball pitcher, Harold Case.

## FREIGHT HOUSE

***by Harold Libby***

Among those who were present at the farewell party held for Jeannette Torhes on August 23 at the Colonial Club in Webster were, Phyllis Lemoine, Virginia Gervais, Rita Lapoint, Irene Woleck, Nancy Britten, Barbara McFarlane, Marion Merchant, Rita Picard, Rita Turcotte, Eleanor Wood, Eleanor Ebbeling, Mary Hayward, Sari Devlin, Adrienne Landry, Claire DeOrsay, Janet Ethier, Helen Conway, Alyce Conway, Helen Buckley, Katherine Kearnan, Loretta Cassista and Joyce Young. . . . Claire DeOrsay and Arthur Bonadei were tendered a party at the Polish Hall in Blackstone in honor of their approaching marriage. A purse was presented the couple with many good wishes. . . . We welcome Mrs. Mary Gravel to the Repair Shipping Office and congratulate Nancy Britten on receiving her 10-year service pin and congratulations to Clarence Bisson on receiving his five-year pin.

## PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

***by Freelon Morris, Jr.***

It is almost inevitable that because of the real or imagined pressure of the daily humdrum routine, we let the finer things in life slip by. This fact was, in some devious manner, brought to the attention of the members of this office. In order to remedy what had almost amounted to a culture lag it was decided that we should spend an evening in concord with Calliope and Melpomene.

Thus it was that on September 19 a three-car caravan left the Whitin Machine Works bound for the local font of culture, the Red Barn, detouring by way of the Maridor in order that the more conscious cravings of the stomach could be satisfied. After watching the jolly trenchermen and women eat ever-so-much, it seemed obvious that the hunger for culture was a mere sublimation of the more basic drive for food. However, the group was pried away, at last, from the table, and the safari proceeded to the theatre.

The program was billed "A Gay Nineties Musical." This was a misnomer. Although the Muses were conspicuous by their absence and considering that we saw the play under the most disadvantageous circumstances, the curtain was up, and we all managed to have a few laughs out of the proceedings.

Culturally, the evening was a fiasco, but for the gourmets and gourmands, it was a success!

*Henry Graves, Department 424, was married to Mrs. Laura Place at a garden wedding on August 25. The couple vacationed at the Cape*

*Ruth Firth of the Engineering Department was married to Pfc. George Briggs, formerly of Upton, now with the Army overseas, on August 20, at the bride's home*

## WORKS ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

***by Oscar Erickson***

It is interesting to note the different places where our people went for their vacations. The Roscoe Knights went to the White Mountains; the John Kneelands went to Long Island; Louise Wade and Lillian Kollet went to Washington, D. C., and telephone Pete Hunt who used to work here and who is now living in Washington. Pete wishes to be remembered to all his friends. . . . The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Johnson toured Lake Champlain, the White Mountains, and spent a few days at Lake Winnepesaukee. The Richard Hannys were at Hyannis and the Cleveland Reynolds were at Dennis. Armand Plouffe visited in Montreal. . . . Paul Drolet conditioned himself for inventory by climbing Mt. Washington. In Tabulating, Aileen Morin vacationed at Hampton, Arlene Bruso went to Scarborough, R. I., and Dorothy Hamblin enjoyed the Catskills. In Payroll Computation, George Kane at Block Island, Edith Bishop at Hampton, Theresa Kacmarcik at the Mountains, Bertha Bernier, New York State; Connie Deslauriers, at Dennis, Barbara Trilligan, Green and White Mountains; Margaret Crosby, Annie Plantinga, Helen Ouillette,

and Lorraine Blair, spent their vacations at home. Ted Froh of Budgets, spent his vacation in the Catskills.

Here and there. . . . Birthday congratulations are extended to Pauline Hagan, Max Thompson, Isabel Kasparian, and Frances Cooney. We welcome Irene Marteka, Norman Deragon, James Shaw and Frank Widor. Dick SanSouci, formerly of Department 438, is now working out of the Timekeeping Office. . . . Clare McDonald has returned after a two months' absence. . . . Louise DesJourdy, the summer replacement, has enrolled at Worcester State Teachers' College.

## Obituaries

We extend to the family of Henry B. Koerten, our deepest sympathy. Mr. Koerten, an employee of the Whitin Machine Works, died September 15, at the age of 65. He was a native of Holland and had resided in Whitinsville for 32 years.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of the late James Connor, who died September 17. Mr. Connor came to this country from Scotland, 45 years ago and had been employed as foreman carpenter in the Whitin Machine Works. With Mr. Winford Jones, he organized the Blood Donors Club in 1940 and played an important part in its operation. He was a member of the Whitin Glee Club and was the oldest officer of the Fire Department. Mr. Connor was a member of the United Presbyterian Church as well as many other organizations including the Whitco Foreman's Club.

The members of Department 416 extend their condolences to Joseph Beaudoin in the loss of his brother.

The members of the Methods Department express their sympathy to Dave Magill on the death of his brother.

The members of the Works Accounting Department extend their condolences to Howard Cook, supervisor of the Tabulating Room, in the loss of his father.

Leon Dumas, an employee of the Whitin Machine Works for 38 years, died recently. We express our deepest sympathy to the members of his family.

The members of Department 422 wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Elsie Belrose, in the recent loss of her mother.

The Spinning Floor employees express their sympathy to Mrs. Florianne Cameron in the death of her mother.

### FOUND

The Shop Guards, while making their rounds in the plant, have found a number of cabinet and door keys. If you have lost a key lately, contact Arthur Jackman or the guard at the Freight House door.

## MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Mabel Newton, Department 426, married to John Coleman of Worcester, August 18.

Philip Johnson, Cost Department, married to Hildegarde Boutilier of Whitinsville, August 23.

Marion Philbrook, Production, married to Norman Labonte, September 3.

*Mike Villemaire of Department 412 and Helen Gautreau of Department 460 were married at St. Dennis Church, East Douglas, on August 25. They are shown cutting the wedding cake at their reception*

George Whitehead, Department 489, married to Catherine Maguire, September 8.

Dorothy Manter, of Production, married to John Doyle, Jr., of Worcester, August 25.

Dorothy Bosma, Production, married to Garrit Ebbeling, U. S. Army, September 11.

Sylvia Kooistra, formerly of No. 5 Crib, engaged to Edward Poolen of Chicago. Both are students at Calvin College.

Wilfred Bilodeau, Department 414, married to Nancy Giro of Fisherville, August 18.

Barbara Haines, timekeeper on Department 414, married to Frederick J. Siepietowski, Department 414, at St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge, August 18.

Wilfred Villemaire, Department 412, married to Helen Gautreau, Department 460, at St. Dennis Church, East Douglas, August 25.

Russell Sweeney, Department 427, married to Therese Smith of Blackstone, September 8.

Haig Minasian, Department 409, married to Maxene Bellumeur, September 22.

Oskar Mayr, Department 443, married to Susan Berry, September 15.

## Births

To Francis Canty, Grinder Job, and Mrs. Canty, a son, Paul Thomas, born September 1.

To James Connors, Grinder Job, and Mrs. Connors, a son, James Vernon III, born September 4.

To Harold Barnes, No. 16 Crib, and Mrs. Barnes, a son, Brian Nelson, born September 7.

To Pete Hayward, Department 421, and Mrs. Hayward, a daughter, Nancy Sharon, born September 1.

To Samuel Hobbs, Engineering Department, and Mrs. Hobbs, a son, Warren Davis, born August 21.

To Marcel Gaddory and Claire Gaddory, formerly of the Blueprint Department, a son, David, born July 25.

To Honore Lavoie, Ring Job, and Mrs. Lavoie, a daughter, born September 10.

To Andrew Linton, Ring Job, and Mrs. Linton, a daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, born September 13.

To Robert Vachon, Department 416, and Mrs. Vachon, a son, Robert Russell, born July 8.

To Edward Laquerre, Department 416, and Mrs. Laquerre, a son, Leo Edward, born August 14.

To Henry Osowski, Department 416, and Mrs. Osowski, a daughter, Sheryl Ann, born August 29.

To Ben Briere, Department 416, and Mrs. Briere, a son, William Theodore, born September 2.

To Joseph Tero, Central Planner, and Mrs. Tero, a son, born September 8.

To Raoul Poulin, Department 414, and Mrs. Poulin, a son, David, born September 17.

To James Brosnahan, Masterlist Department, and Mrs. Brosnahan, a daughter, Marie Elizabeth, born August 30.

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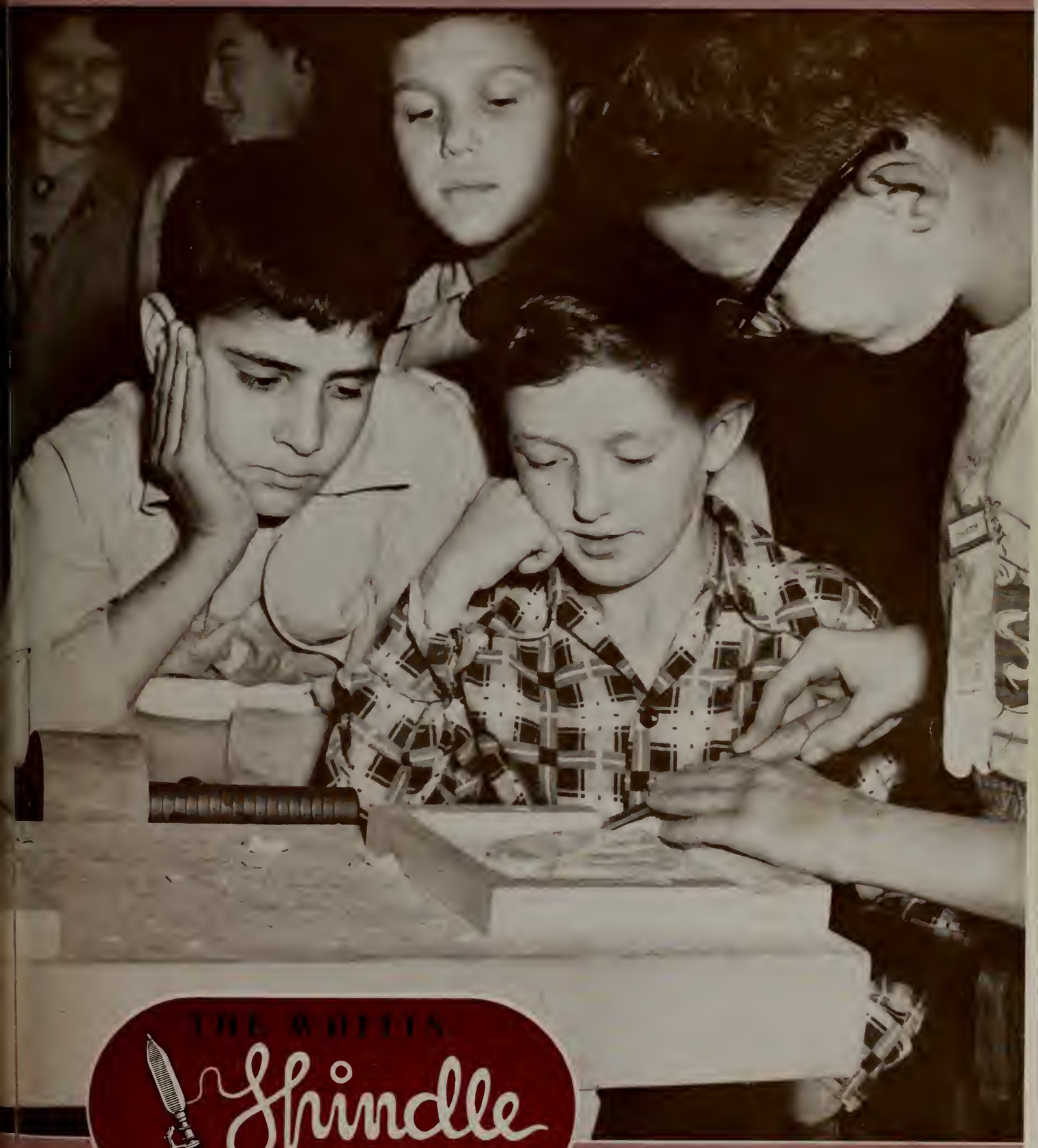

THE WHEELS

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# A Message from a 'DISHONORABLE' BOY

*Underwood & Underwood*

I

I just got bounced out of college for "dishonorable" conduct.

That will make it pretty tough for me to get a good job because "respectable" society — you and you and you — have branded me as a bad risk.

You are shocked at the moral standards of the younger generation.

In a way I can see your point, but you should also take a good look at my point.

How do you suppose I got used to the idea of doing things the easy way and forgetting the rule book?

I got that way by watching the grown-ups.

II

I read in the papers of millions of "honorable," able-bodied people loafing around on relief, chiselling something for nothing.

I saw politically-minded Supreme Court justices appearing as character witnesses for a communist.

I saw Congressmen and Senators putting their nonworking relatives on the public payroll.

I saw the political cronies, and even relatives, of presidents get rich through special influence.

I saw millions of people with political influence getting raise after raise for doing less and less work.

The people working the hardest seemed to be getting the least out of it.

III

I learned a copybook motto as a schoolboy that said: "Be sure you are right, then go ahead."

Now the idea is to be sure you are ahead, and then go right.

Everybody seems to want to meet his problems the easy way.

Everybody wants economic security at someone else's expense.

Everybody wants medical care at somebody else's expense.

Farmers want guaranteed prices at somebody else's expense.

Labor wants guaranteed wages at somebody else's expense.

But, inexperienced as I am, I can tell you this is a sucker proposition because that someone else is you.

I remember another motto: "You can't cheat an honest man."

IV

I have studied enough history to know when nations of people lose their moral standards and their work habits, they begin to go downhill.

When the idea of grabbing something replaces the idea of creating something, people are in serious trouble.

Maybe you, personally, never acted dishonorably, but it is at least slightly dishonorable not to raise your voice in protest against what is going on around you.

I am just one of millions of young people who have formed their sense of honor by *watching you.*

That is what made me what I am today — a "dishonorable" boy.

I have got a real problem on my hands, but I think you have got even a bigger one on your conscience.

*Courtesy of the National Association of Foremen*

# Sheet Metal

## *in Textile Machinery*

GREAT progress has been made in sheet metal work since the days of the "tin-knocker" who took pieces of sheet metal and "whacked" them into a thousand-and-one shapes with a hammer.

Sheet metal work is no longer a tinker trade, but a trade that is of equal importance to the other skilled mechanical arts. The sheet metal worker, as he is known today, must know far more than was necessary years ago. Geometry and metallurgy are necessary to the trade. From flat rectangular sheets are cut triangles, right angles, parallelograms, perfect circles, or any other desired shapes.

Sheet metal has become an important cog in the wheels of industry. Sheet metal has qualities which makes it the best material for many of the parts we use on our textile

*Top: Fred Stavinski is tracing a template for a Roving Machine Chain Guard. This template layout is the first step in the development of a sheet metal product*

*Bottom: Russell Rosborough and Alan Paddock, assisted by Salvatore Saccoccio at the rear of the machine, shear a piece of flat steel to a desired length*

*Left: John Rumonoski and Paul Madigar bending a cover for a Blending Feeder*

*Right: Edward Horan, foreman, and his assistant James Gibbons, inspecting a Top Comb Needle Plate used on the Model "J" Comber*

machines. It is more economical than wood, it is indestructible, fireproof, light in weight, and very durable, and the finished product presents a pleasing appearance. Articles that are comprised of sheet metal of one kind or another are numerous at Whitin. Sheet metal has been found particularly suitable for Card Cylinder Covers, Breast Covers, Screens, and Condenser Drums. Pipes, Ducts, Drums, Dampers, Troughs, Panels, Plates and numerous other parts also are made today from sheet metal for Combers, Roving Frames, Spinning Frames, Twisters and Picking machinery. Many of these parts are fitted and assembled to the textile machines by the sheet metal workers of this department.

Stored at one end of the Tin Shop is a supply of galvanized iron, aluminum, tin, brass, and steel sheets. After the sheet metal workers of this department run these different metals through heavy duty forming machines, punch presses, shearing machines, and other power tools, they emerge at the opposite end shaped into parts for our textile machines.

Like most any other form of manufacture, a blueprint from the Engineering Department starts a product on its way. From the blueprint, a paper pattern or a metal template is made of each new part which, in turn is, placed onto the metal sheets. A "cutter" then goes to work and cuts the metal into the required designs.

These designs are next "pre-punched" and "pre-formed" by hand and machine tools before passing on to a skilled worker who fabricates and assembles the product. Seams are squeezed together, and riveted, soldered or welded, and finally, the work is inspected and checked by supervisors.

We salute the 35 men of this department who are a part of a large and growing industry and particularly the department's senior employees: Stephen Chiras, 46 years; Ignez Witek, 44 years; Sarkis Asadoorian, 42 years; Paul Rutana, 39 years; Frank Zajonc, 35 years; John Healey, 34 years; Edmund Brouillette, 33 years; Oscar Kromberg, 31 years; and Alphonse Guertin, 22 years.

*Stephen Chiras soldering a Waste Chute assembly for Model "E" Comber*

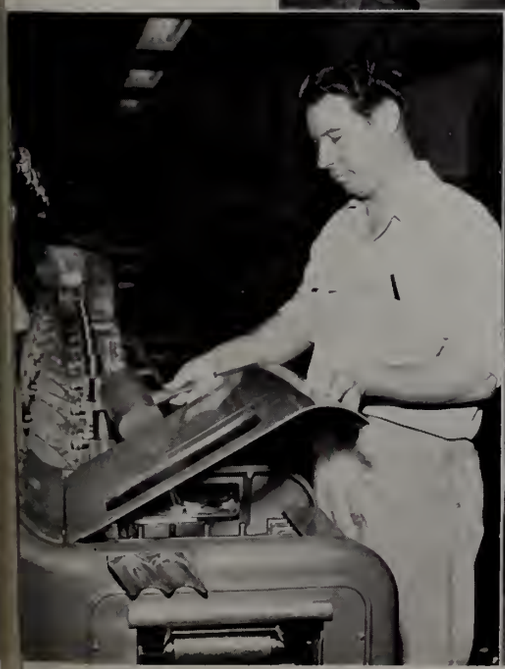
*Left: Frank Zajonc assembling a cage for a One-Process Picker*

*Below: John Healey, Paul Rutana and Ignez Witek assembling a variety of sheet metal parts*

*Center: John Halacy welding a Bobbin Return Chute*

*Below: Alfred Berube fitting a sheet metal Draw Box Cover to a Model "J" Comber on the erecting floor*

*Below: Edmund Brouillette is shown with a few of the many different types of parts made in the Sheet Metal Department*



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## YOU CAN HELP SPREAD WORD

Everyone hates war, but most of us feel pretty helpless when it comes to easing international tensions.

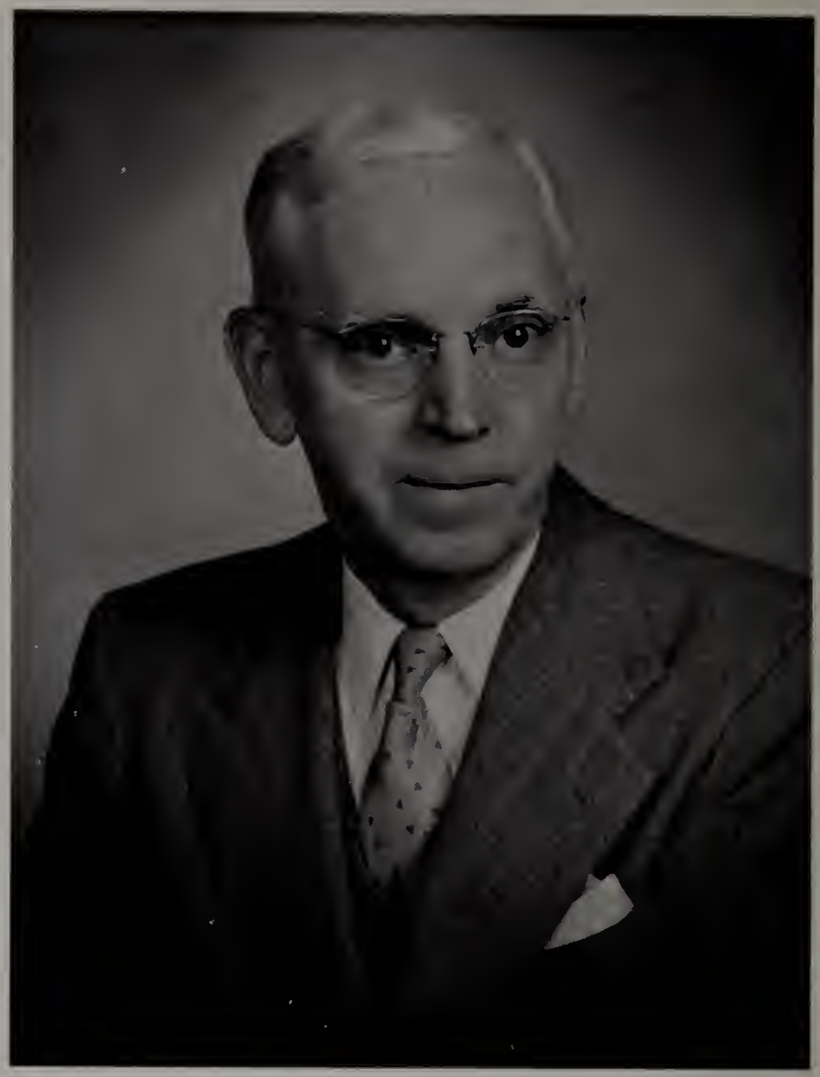
That's why thousands of Americans welcomed so enthusiastically an idea which is proving effective in spreading good will and helping people in other lands to get a better understanding of our country.

The idea consists simply of mailing employee magazines to friends and relatives overseas. It's surprising how interested they are in learning about the United States and the company for which you work.

So if you want to help ease tensions and promote better understanding, when you finish reading your company magazine mail it to someone in a distant land.

Little things like this, if done by millions of ordinary citizens, can be wonderfully helpful in winning more friends for America. Quite possibly, they could tip the scales against war.

FRONT COVER: At the Whitin Spindle Hobby Show, Mr. Hetherington invited many of his visitors to try their hand at wood carving. Here we see Tim Grady carving an elm leaf while Mike Goshgarian, Richard Currie, and Paul Rondeau look on.



## *Whitin Personality*

HARRY E. LEES, a divisional superintendent, was born in Oldham, Englan and came to this country 47 years ago. He attended the Church of Chris School in England and the public schools in Woonsocket, R. I. After servin as an apprentice draftsman and patternmaker with the Draper Corporatio in Hopedale, Harry entered the Whitin Machine Works in 1910 as a woo pattern maker. During the 1920's he attended factory and industrial manag ment evening sessions at Boston University and in 1927 he became the assistan foreman of the Wood Pattern Shop. In 1930 he was appointed foreman of th department and about 1942 Harry became divisional superintendent in charg of departments 401, 402, 423, 425, 428, 436, 450 and 451.

Harry is one of the original organizers of the Whitco Foreman's Club an is very active in civic and community affairs. He served as chairman of Civilia Defense for the Town of Northbridge during World War II, and in 1950 wa reappointed director. He is also a member of the American Legion, the Fort and Eight, the Shriners, and is a 32nd degree Mason.

He is vice-chairman of the Pattern Division of the American Foundryman Society of Chicago. He is chairman of the Papers and Speakers Committee the Pattern Division for the International Foundry Congress which will be he in Atlantic City in May, 1952.

Harry enjoys a good game of tennis and is a rabid baseball fan.

# A Report *from Our President*

As you read this article you will appreciate the fact that it is being written by me in my capacity as President of the National Association of Textile Machinery Manufacturers rather than as President of the Whitin Machine Works. I think the problems involved are of real interest to everyone in the textile industry.

I have just returned from a two days series of meetings in Washington which ended with a formal Industry Advisory Committee meeting with the National Production Authority. Because of the currently depressed state of the textile industry, textile machinery has now been put in the so-called "deferrable" class, which means that, while textile machinery may be required in substantial quantity some time in the future, it is not vitally essential now.

Defense Production Authority has established the fact that we should be permitted to operate for the next several quarters on our 1947 basis of activity as reflected by information contained in the United States Census Report for industry for 1947. Unfortunately, the Census Report is extremely erroneous, which the Government strongly suspected, and, as a result of consultations with our Committee, NPA agrees with us that the figures are far from being correct. Several major companies did not even report on material consumption for that year, so that the quantities of materials to be allocated to the industry for the first quarter and, perhaps, for five additional quarters, using the 1947 report, means that we will be given 55 per cent of the industry's requirements.

Maintenance, repairs, and operating supplies, known as MRO, on an industry-wide basis represents 40 per cent of requirements. We feel that repair parts are absolutely essential to our customers and should be delivered 100 per cent. That leaves 15 per cent of our material requirements for new machinery. Companies whose percentage of MRO is lower than the industry average will be able to manufacture more than 25 per cent of the requirements of new machinery, but, basically, it means a more drastic cut than was intended or that is being forced upon any other industry to our knowledge.

We have agreed to supply Washington promptly with accurate materials consumption figures for 1947. While we were told that those figures will be useless as far as the first quarter is concerned, they may well result in relief for the second quarter of 1952 on. If the 1947 actual figures are used, and we are sure that this is what the Government means to use, we will be left on a fairly satisfactory basis.

NPA officials told us further that certain essential types of steel that we use, and all aluminum, will be in extremely short supply right on through 1952, although some relief can be expected some time in 1953. There is no prospect in the foreseeable future of an ample supply of copper.

Much stress in all of the meetings was placed on the essentiality of machine tools. The machine tool industry normally represents about the same number of employees as the textile machinery industry. They have been asked, in fact are being forced, to more than quadruple their production so that in 1951 they will have to produce $675,000,000 worth of machine tools, and then more than double that again in 1952 and 1953, so that for those two years they will have to produce $1,500,000,000 worth of tools. Our industry was very strongly urged that, in order to hold our facilities and our help in place, we should forthwith help out with machine tools, where high priorities for materials can be granted.

The Government is doing its best to allocate scarce materials on a fair and equitable basis and for some of us, including Whitin, the picture is not quite as bad as it looks on the face of it. The fact still remains, however, that, should the textile industry require large quantities of machinery, a joint campaign will have to be waged in Washington to give the textile machinery producers adequate relief in connection with procurement of materials to build such machines.

Our Committee went on record with the Government that if conditions remain as they are currently, and, if the Government allocates material on the basis of that used in 1947, we can have no complaint, but, should they continue to use the wrong 1947 census figures, then our industry will become extremely vocal in its protest.

Sincerely,

J. Hugh Bolton

*President*

*Delores Lariviere, a CAP cadet, was an ideal subject for the demonstration of studio photography. John Deane was the man behind the camera*

# Touring the Hobby Show

*Above: The Whitinsville Flight of the Civil Air Patrol had a very interesting display. In this photograph Arthur Martin is explaining the fundamentals of a 4-cylinder opposed piston engine*

*Below: These students are demonstrating silk screenin They were among the High School students who displaye their skill at leathercraft, copper relief work, and silk screenin*

The second Whitin Spindle Hobby Show was held in the Memorial Gymnasium the evenings of September 27, 28 and 29. More than 6000 people from far and near watched the fifty exhibitors demonstrate their skills and display their fine collections.

One of the highlights of the show was Oliver Tremblay's 35-foot luxurious ocean cabin cruiser which was brought up from the coast for the show. Mr. Tremblay spent three and a half years building this boat and to those who had followed his progress with interest, it was indeed a special event. Thousands admired the boat throughout the week that it was on display.

Marion Taft awed her audience by the expert manner in which she and her assistants refinished and decorated old furniture. Marion displayed many antique furniture pieces, trays and plaques.

Joseph Hetherington, Sr., our wood-carving expert, had an excellent display. He artistically demonstrated the necessary steps required to finish some of his fine wood-carvings. He allowed many to try their hand at the art.

William Norman exhibited his collection of ceramics and carefully explained the many processes involved as well as answering the viewers' questions. A fine example of Bill's work was a lamp which he recently completed.

A selected group of Northbridge High School students, under the direction of Mr. Cagan, held the interest of all who viewed the exhibit. The students demonstrated their talents at leathercraft, copper relief work, and silk screening. This was one of the most interesting exhibits in the show.

To the delight of the ladies there was an unusual collection of salt and pepper shakers and china cups and saucers exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall. The many fine curios from Japan, which were exhibited by Mrs. Angus Parker, Francis Joslin, Sr., and Arthur Malo were viewed with much interest.

Fabian Corron and Wilfred Bromley fascinated the ladies with beautiful fur pieces made from animals they had trapped. They also exhibited a large variety of traps used for capturing fur-bearing animals.

Brought back by popular demand from last year's show was the knitting exhibit. William Smith and Walter Doble amazed the spectators with their remarkable speed in knitting socks by machine.

Many onlookers gained some valuable pointers from James Fraser and Edward Jones who carefully covered the subject of cabinet-making. They showed the actual steps involved in making a number of furniture pieces.

The young people's interest was concentrated on the autographs of major league ball players, exhibited by Robert English. The model trains operated by Howard Dunford held the interest of both young and old in the

*Top: Margaret Halacy assisted Marion Taft in demonstrating Early American Decorating. In the photograph Margaret is showing Arthur Malo and Cecile Gauthier her tray painting technique. Center: Gary Dix, Vernon and Viola Willard listen to Bill Norman as he informs them about ceramics. Bottom: The four little ducks in the garden pool gained many interested friends*

freight-yard activity, and the archery display and demon strations which were deftly handled by Lionel Arguir and Joseph Monfreda had a ringside audience.

Special honors go to Thelma Vandersea, Frank N Stone, Edward Gorman, and Alfred Demars, who exhib ited their oil paintings. The artists' work included a number of familiar scenes and Thelma's fashion sketche drew many fine comments.

The Whitinsville Flight of the Civil Air Patrol had a very attractive booth. They displayed much of th equipment used in their classes.

June Wilbur, Malcolm Pearson, John Deane, an Herman Brewster had an attractive photographic displa and Malcolm Pearson and Alfred Demars gave historica facts about a 1600 year old European Settlement in Ne England. A clay model of the site was completed b Alfred Demars.

For our fishermen and hunters there were a number o interesting exhibits. Leon Fletcher had many of his sur casting rods on hand and showed how to make them The Whitinsville Fish and Game Club had an interestin collection of guns and fishing tackle. To put the finishin touches to the show, the pool was converted into a fishe man's paradise. Alfred Demars, who painted the setting arranged the pool to resemble the great-out-of-door Spotlights highlighted our fly-fishing experts assemble in front of the pool where they concentrated their effor on catching the rainbow and brook trout that had bee brought in for the occasion.

The stage, which was designed by Alfred Demars an Harold Libby, had as its setting the "September Song. This provided the backdrop for Nancy Britten's "Reco Album of Familiar Music."

The center of the auditorium was a garden scene, a ranged and decorated by Arthur Malo. Amidst the gra shrubs, flowers and plants, was a pool with a founta bathed in color and four lively little ducks that paddl back and forth across the shallow basin.

To Charlie Commons, Bannings, Pine Grove Conserv tory, St. Patrick's Church, the Presbyterian Church, t many exhibitors, and the committee which include William Kidd, Alfred Demars, Harold Libby, Arth Malo, Woodie Delibero, Harvey Deslauriers, Jr., Willia Young, Raymond Woodcome, Edward Gorman, Fr Willis, Francis Joslin, Sr., Roscoe Knight, Donald Dum and Malcolm Pearson, The Whitin SPINDLE express its thanks in making the second Whitin SPINDLE Hob Show interesting and successful.

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*Top: Ed Jones of the Linwood Division demonstrated the a of cabinetmaking. Many examples of his work were fou to be unusual and interesting. Left center: Lionel Arg teaching an interested visitor the art of archery while you admirers look on. Right center: Robert Marshall had a f collection of salt and pepper shakers. Everything from so bowls to nuts. Bottom: Oliver Tremblay's ocean cabin crui was, by far, the most unusual highlight of the Show. Visit came from far and near to admire it*

*Upper left: Popular with young and old alike was Joseph Hetherington's woodcarving. Mr. Hetherington has won various awards for his expert woodcarving ability. Center left: Over 6,000 people attended the Hobby Show. This is a group of the many who attended on Saturday evening. Upper right: The stage was highlighted by a painting which illustrated the "September Song." It provided the background for Nancy Britten's "Record Album of Familiar Music"*

*Above: One of the most interesting displays at the Hobby Show was the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club exhibit. One of the members is shown above tying a fish fly while a group of interested spectators look on. Below: Scores of rainbow and brook trout added a final touch to the outdoor scene in the swimming pool where members of the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club displayed their fly-fishing ability*

# ... And Still They Build

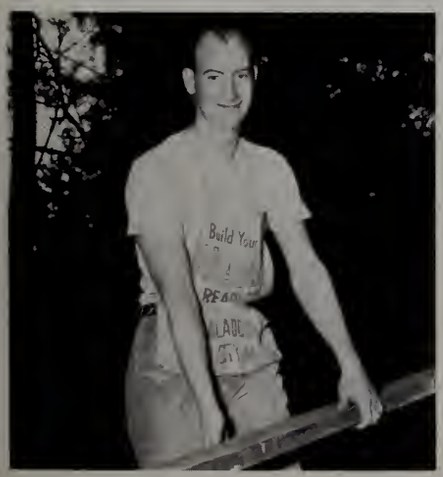
Home building in the Town of Northbridge is booming! According to Cedric Andrews, building inspector, 79 building permits were issued last year and 31 new dwellings have been completed so far this year. A large number of the new homes recently completed have been built by Whitin employees. Shown on these pages are four more new houses and the men who built them.

Arthur Armstrong, Routing Engineer, with the aid of his brother in-law, built this ranch-style home (shown at top of page 12) seven months. The house, which is painted barn red, has seve rooms. A screened-in porch measures 25′ x 12′. The bedroom are 12′ x 13′. One of the unusual features in this house is t combination powder room and bathroom which measures 9′ x 1 The powder room is panelled with mirrors. The house also has interesting 16′ x 20′ step-down living room with a tapestry bri fireplace. The combination breakfast and dining room is 26′ x 1 When the building plans were forwarded to the Veteran's Admin tration for approval, the house was valued at $17,700 but actu cost amounted to $9,000. Arthur's home is on Hartford Avenu Uxbridge.

This ranch-style home (page 12, bottom), has six rooms and was built by Raymon F. Meader, Jr., Parts List Analyst. With the exception of the electrical work, heating system, plumbing, and plastering, Ray built his own home. After completing the basement he and his family occupied it for a year and a half. The house itself was completed by Ray in nine months. He purchased his building plans from Better Homes and Gardens but incorporated many of his own ideas. The living room is 22′ x 16′ and has horizontal knotty pine panelling rather than the customary vertical panelling. The bedrooms measure 12′ x 12′ and 14′ x 12′, and the kitchen is 10′ x 14′. Ray's house is valued at $13,000 but the approximate cost of the new house amounted to $9,500. Ray's new home is located on the northeast shore of the Meadow Pond.

Alexis Lavallee, lathe hand in Department 422, completed his 1½ story "New Yorker" on Plantation Street, Rockdale (page 13, top), in 18 months. The house has seven rooms and like many of the new homes it has a fireplace. The living room measures 17′ x 12′ and the two bedrooms are 21′ x 10′ and 21′ x 14′. The den measures 11′ x 12′ and the kitchen 13′ x 11′. Alexis and his friends completed the house in January, 1951. Seven months later, lightning struck the house but fortunately, damage was slight. The estimated cost of the building was $8,000—the actual value is $14,000.

Howard Anderson of the Cost Department, with the assistance of friends, completed his Southern Colonial Type (page 13, bottom), Aladdin Readi-cut home in 10 months. This six room, two-story structure, on Fairlawn Street, Whitinsville, has a living room measuring 17½′ x 15′; a master bedroom, 13′ x 15′ with balcony; two bedrooms, 12′ x 13′; a kitchen 10′ x 13½′; a pine-panelled den, 12′ x 13½′ and a bathroom and lavatory. Howard's final plans call for a terrace under the balcony and a garage with a breezeway.



*Seated at the head table were: Alice Der Torosian, manager of DER-S-DEBS; Helen Dubsky, guest speaker; Dorothy Antoian, chairwoman; Millie Turgeon, toastmistress; and Barbara Spratt, acting manager of Currie's Cuties*

# *Sports*—Trophies Awarded At Softball Banquet

By Dorothy Antoian

Members of the Sally Softball League ended thei season's activities with a banquet at the Colonial Clu in Webster on October 17. Trophies were presented t the DER-S-DEBS, champions of the league, and t CURRIE'S CUTIES, runners-up. An All-Star tean chosen by the league officials, was presented gold softball Members of the team included: Marilyn Blair, pitche Dorothy Antoian, catcher; Tillie Oppewall, 1st base; Car Arakelian, 2d base; Marie Oliver, 3d base; Barbar Spratt, shortstop; Della Jones, Ruth Crothers, and Ali Der Torosian, outfielders. Marilyn Blair, who was chose the most valuable player of the year, also received a silv softball. Her record was 10 wins and 1 loss, which i cluded a non-league victory over the Bridgeton, Rho Island Farmerettes. Marilyn compiled a total of 6 strikeouts for the season.

Millie Turgeon, prominent local bowler, was toas mistress for the occasion and Helen Dubsky, former ou standing softball pitcher from Worcester, was the gue speaker.

*Standing on the left, above, are the DER-S-DEBS the cha pions of the Sally Softball League: Alice Der Torosian, Agn Spratt, Paula Cassidy, Della Jones, Marilyn Blair, Gra Kazarian, Dorothy Antoian, and Carol Arakelian. Viol Cichonski was absent. Also shown are other members of t Sally Softball League.*

*Pictured above are many of the Whitinsville Home Garden Club members who attended the 32nd Annual Harvest Supper*

*The acrobatics performed by this young lady were unusual and entertaining*

# *Harvest Supper Winds Up Garden Season*

The 32nd annual harvest supper sponsored by the Whitin Home Garden Club was held at the Whitin Cafeteria Wednesday, October 10. More than 200 members and invited guests enjoyed the corned beef supper prepared by the cafeteria staff. The entertainment for the evening included four acts of vaudeville and moving pictures. Angus Parker, Jacob Haringa, Dana Heald, and Merrill True, Club officers, were in charge of the activities.

*This snappy song and dance team added zest to the entertainment program*

*Among those seated at the head table were: Philip B. Walker, Merrill True, Dana Heald, Jacob Haringa, Gardner Norcross, Walter Meigher, Walter Shaw, and Angus Parker*

# Meadow View Gun Club—*A Gourmet's Haven*

One of the oldest and most unique clubs in Whitinsville is the Meadow View Gun Club. If you were invited to attend one of their Wednesday or Saturday night meetings, you would find Albin Nelson, head chef, bustling about the kitchen, putting the last minute touches to specially prepared cuisine which he and his helpers—George Deeks, Lemmie Carlson, and Everett Johnston—had concocted for the club members. Perhaps you find it difficult to imagine but these fellows enjoy arranging and cooking elaborate dinners of lobster, steak and fish. Their many special dishes have proved that a can of beans is an unwelcome stranger and something only to be scoffed at by these connoisseurs of good food.

Similar meetings have been taking place since 1911 when the Meadow View Gun Club was officially founded. The club is unusual in the respect that very few privately controlled clubs have a life span of 40 years or more. The original purpose of the club was to provide a haven for hunters after a day in the woods. Many Saturday hunts started and ended at Meadow View. Perhaps today there aren't so many enthusiastic hunters among the club members but like their predecessors, they still enjoy elaborate feasts. Early records show that the club members often enjoyed pig roasts, turtle soups, clambakes and venison suppers.

The purpose of the club today is to provide a place where the members can enjoy good food and where they can hold discussions on politics and sports over a good game of cards.

Many of the original rules and bylaws are still in effect, such as the law which states that no intoxicating beverages are allowed in the clubhouse or on the premises. There is also a law which rules that no gambling is allowed.

The club quarters are quite modern since the hurricane of 1938 made it necessary to erect a new clubhouse. The clubhouse has a spacious kitchen, with ample equipment for preparing meals, a large living room with a fireplace and on the front of the building, a large screened-in porch. The clubhouse and grounds are open at all times to members and at various times to their families and friends.

The present officers are: Albin W. Nelson, who is serving his 38th term as president; George Deeks, vice president, who became a member in 1941; Thomas Marshall, treasurer, who was elected to membership in 193[illegible] and Charles Noble, secretary, who also was granted membership in 1933.

We wish to thank Charlie Noble, secretary of the club for assisting us in compiling the information for this article.

*Members of the Meadow View Gun Club from the left: Fred Matthewman, Charles Noble, Lawrence Keeler, George Deeks, Thomas Marshall, James Ferguson, George Kesseli, Roy Rollins, Everett Johnston, Robert McKaig, Albin Nelson, Harry Lees and George Hanna. Absent when photograph was taken: George Bliss, Herbert Bliss, Leon Houghton, Lemie Carlson, Leon Horner and Dr. Balme.*

# Women's Page

## Recipe-of-the-Month—Peppermint Chiffon Tarts

EVERYONE likes chiffon tarts, especially when the luscious filling combines the delightful flavors of peppermint candy and chocolate. Use homogenized Spry's easy "Water-Whip" way to make tender, flaky tart shells and find new interest in pie-making. Clip the recipe and try it today.

### Peppermint Chiffon Tarts

- 1 tablespoon gelatin
- ¼ cup cold water
- 3 egg whites
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 drop oil of peppermint or ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract
- ½ cup crushed hard peppermint candy
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 9 baked "Water-Whip" tart shells
- 1 oz. sweet chocolate, cut in large thin pieces

Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve over hot water. Beat egg whites stiff, then add sugar, one tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition. Add dissolved gelatin, flavoring, and candy. Fold in whipped cream. Spoon lightly into tart shells, filling them one-half full. Cover filling with a layer of chipped chocolate, fill tarts with remaining peppermint filling, and sprinkle tops with chocolate. Chill until firm. Makes nine tarts.

### "Water-Whip" Tart Shells

- ¾ cup homogenized Spry
- ¼ cup boiling water
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted once before measuring
- 1 teaspoon salt

Put Spry in medium-sized mixing bowl. Add boiling water, and milk and break up shortening with fork. Then tilt bowl and, with rapid cross-the-bowl strokes, whip or beat until mixture is smooth and thick like whipped cream and will hold soft peaks when fork is lifted. Sift flour and salt together onto Spry mixture. Stir quickly, with round-the-bowl strokes, into a dough that clings together and "cleans" the bowl. Pick up and shape into a smooth, flat round. Divide into two flat rounds and roll each one-eighth inch thick on floured pastry cloth or board or between two 12-inch squares of waxed paper. Prick with fork. Cut into five-inch rounds and fit over outside of muffin pans, pinching into seven pleats. Bake in very hot oven (450°F.) 10–15 minutes. Makes nine tarts.

### KITCHEN HINTS

Bird's-Nest Your Eggs for Sunday Breakfast. Toast four slices of bread. Separate four eggs. Sprinkle whites with salt and pepper and beat until stiff. Butter toast slices and place buttered side down on baking sheet. Heap egg whites over tops. Make a well in each and slip in half a teaspoon butter and the egg yolk. Bake at 350°F. 12 to 15 minutes, or until eggs are lightly browned. Serve hot with strips of crisp bacon.

### BEAUTY FACTS

*Will exercise reduce weight?* Exercise alone is futile. While it will reduce weight, because it helps use up water, carbohydrates and fats, exercise also stimulates the appetite. These two exercises help tremendously, however: (1) pushing one's chair away from the table when dessert is served; (2) turning the head slowly from right to left and back again when second helpings are offered.

*Peppermint chiffon tarts*

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS

*Down quilts can be laundered.* You can wash your all-down quilt at home if the cover is of washable fabric.

The U. S. Bureau of Home Economics recommends washing in a tub of warm soapsuds containing a little ammonia to help remove the oil. Since down and feathers "take up" a lot of soap and cause the suds to die down, use enough soap for a good standing suds and repeat the washing through a second fresh clean suds.

Rinse well in lukewarm water and hang over parallel lines to dry in the shade. Shake frequently during drying to distribute and fluff the feathers; square the corners and smooth the covering fabric as it dries.

*Our way of living together in America is a strong but delicate fabric. It is made up of many threads. It has been woven over many centuries by the patience and sacrifices of countless liberty-loving men and women. It serves as a protection of poor and rich, of black and white, of Jew and Gentile, of foreign and native-born. Let us not tear it asunder. For no man knows, once it is destroyed, where or when man will find its protective warmth again.* —Wendell Wilkie

A spinster was shocked at the language used by workmen repairing cables near her home, so she wrote to the company that owned the cables. The manager immediately asked the foreman on the job to make a report. It is printed here:

"Me and Spike Williams were on this job. I was up the pole and accidentally let the hot lead fall on Spike—and it went down his neck. Then Spike looked up at me and said, 'Really, Harry, you must be more careful.' "

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### What's in a Name?

*Mac:* "They say brunettes have sweeter dispositions than blondes."

*Sak:* "Well, my wife has been both and I can't see any difference."

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*He:* "I come to bring warmth and light into the bleakness of your home."

*Romantic Spinster:* "Oh, you dear ——"

*He:* "Nix on the love stuff, old lady. I'm the installation man for the gas company."

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"Are you trying to make a monkey out of me?"

"Why should I take the credit?"

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*He:* "Oh, my dear, how can I leave you?"

*She:* By train, plane or taxi."

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### Strictly Business

Five-year-old Willie had been taught that Sunday is not a day for play. One Sunday morning his mother found him sailing his toy boat in the bathtub.

"Willie," she said, "don't you know it's wicked to sail boats on Sunday?"

"Don't get excited, Mother," he replied calmly. "This isn't a pleasure trip. This is a missionary boat going to Africa."

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"Mother, that dentist wasn't painless like it says on his sign."

"Did he hurt you, dear?"

"Naw, but he hollered like anybody else when I bit him."

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Having heard of an old timer who had attained the age of 99 and had never tasted an alcoholic beverage, a temperance committee rushed to his bedside for a sworn statement to that effect.

Holding the poor old fellow up in bed, they guided his trembling hand along the dotted line.

Soon they were disturbed by a commotion in the next room. It sounded like a bull in a china shop.

"What in the world is that?" asked one of the committee women.

"Oh, that," gasped the old man as he sank back on his pillow. "That's my Dad. He's been drunk for a week."

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He who has a thousand friends has never one to spare,
And he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere.

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Thrift is a wonderful virtue—especially in an ancestor.

* * *

When you're learning golf you hit nothing—when you're learning motoring you hit everything.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

Mr. and Mrs. Del Williams of Fletcher Street observed their 50th wedding anniversary recently. Friends and relatives from all over the state were present at the party held for them. Del and Mrs. Williams received many fine gifts. . . . Charlie Commons went surf-casting in Wellfleet with Clarence Visser, Joe Lavasseur and brother. They fished from Saturday morning til late evening without getting a bite. During the day a young girl came along and cast twenty feet further than any of them, but she soon moved away and upon doing so, remarked, "No fish here today." Better luck next time, boys. . . . We received a letter from Robert McManus who used to work in the Yard. He is in Japan but expects to be home by Christmas. He wishes to be remembered to all the boys. Bob was with the Marines during World War II but is in the Navy this time.

Chick Farrand and his daughter Joan spent their vacation touring the South. They traveled 3,800 miles in 17 days. With a letter of introduction from Mr. E. Kent Swift they were shown through the Whitin Plant in Charlotte, N. C. After leaving Charlotte, the Farrands visited friends in Douglas, Ga., and then proceeded to the west coast of Florida. From there they crossed the Tamiami Trail to the Gold Coast of Florida where they visited Fort Myers, St. Petersburg, Punta Gorda, and Venice. They visited in Hollywood, Fla., where they found a sizable colony of ex-Whitinsville residents all doing well although they were complaining a bit about the excessive heat.

*This is Chick Farrand on the golden sands of Miami*

On their way North through Daytona Beach and Jacksonville to Savannah, Ga., they found that conditions weren't as good as they apparently could be for they saw women picketing a plant with large placards

*Mr. and Mrs. Del Williams celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. Del is with the Garage*

asking, "How would you like to work for 29 cents an hour?" After leaving Savannah they traveled through the peanut country and visited the Lucky Strike and Model Tobacco plants. In Richmond, they toured the Chesterfield "Godfrey" plant, and from there, continued on to Washington where they stayed for a brief visit; and then, home.

The Yardbirds of Department 466 held a clambake at Courteau's Grove on September 29. The highlight of the day was the ball game between the Rice City Tigers and the Yardbirds. Again the Tigers proved to be the masters by defeating the Yardbirds by a narrow margin of 27 to 5. We are sorry to report that John Dean received a broken collar bone when he collided with one of the opposing players while after a pop fly. Paul Fontenault played first, Henry Walmsley at second, Ernest Prunier at shortstop, Robert Rondeau at third, Wally Parmental had trouble with the leftfield fence, Erle Simmons stumbled around in center field and Carmy Duso had some difficulty running through the trees after fly balls. Doc Pellerin was a busy man between umpiring and taking pictures. James Fallon had quite a time tasting his wares. A number of wives, children, and friends enjoyed the outing and everyone was grateful to Henry Courteau who worked so hard to make the outing the success it was.

## AUTOMATIC SCREW JOB

*by Connie Campo*

We welcome Roger Whittlesey, Donald Clegg, Ruth Magill, Roy Wheeler, Wilfred Biron, William Oosterman, and Robert Mullaly to the department. We also welcome back George Landry and Henry Bardol who have been ill since August. . . . Lois Blakely and daughter, and Lois Heerdt recently had an enjoyable week end in New York. . . . We wish a happy birthday to Lois Heerdt and a happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson, who recently celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary.

## STEEL FABRICATING AND CUTTING-OFF JOB

*by Herb Blakely*

Aarnie Nelson of the Cutting-Off Job received his five-year pin from Simon Bosma, last month. . . . Alfred Nichols of 432 was presented his five-year service pin by Foreman Chester Bonczek. . . . Slim Charron is one of the most popular guys on 410 when his wife bakes those apple pies. . . . Gene Closson has been reelected president of the Buffoon Club. Other officers are Ed Dumas, Dick Hommes, and Walter Nadolink.

*Personality-of-the Month:* Clayton Holland of 432 is one of the most experienced welders on 432, having worked at it for some ten years. Before coming to Whitins, he worked for Pullman Standard of Worcester. Clayton is married and has two sons. He owns his home in Grafton. Clayton plays bass fiddle, and almost any Saturday night, you will see him in his brother's orchestra at local night spots. He is also a softball addict, but admits it is getting to be a tougher game each year. His hobby is training dogs, and he says that he has his hands full right now with a Norwegian elk hound. How he finds spare time is a mystery but he has a cottage at Dennisport on the Cape where he spends all of his spare time in the summer. In other words, Clayton is quite the boy!

New arrival at Crib 26 is Bob Gauthier of Millbury. . . . Bob Smith, time clerk, has bought a new alarm clock, much to the relief of his passengers. . . . Lost! One hand chisel. Finder, please return to Russ Holland.

*Robert McManus was with the Yard Crew before entering the Navy*

*Joseph Brochu, of the Foundry, is the father of this fine looking family. Seated, from the left: Lorraine, Mr. and Mrs. Brochu and Ernest. Back row: Roland, Rita, Henry, Germain, Claire and Richard*

*A group of the Foundry Night Crew who gathered to honor their foreman, Milton "Shorty" Dion, at a party during the late summer. The men gave "Shorty" an engraved wrist watch. Ed Davis, night superintendent, attended*

*Yankee fans in the Foundry cremate Red Sox. Famous last words, "Wait till next year," ring in the ears of the Yankee rooters as they cremate the Red Sox corpse*

## FOUNDRY

***by Robert Ferry***

One Friday night, during the latter part of the summer, the men of the Foundry night crew gave a party for their foreman, Milton "Shorty" Dion. Ed Davis, the very popular night superintendent, honored us with his presence. Jack Murphy was master of ceremonies and Mr. Henderson presented the gift, an engraved wrist watch. Shorty, who is well known around Whitinsville and very popular with his men and associates, had to leave us for reasons of health. We all hope that everything goes well with Shorty and that he will be around to see us again soon.

Lucien Lortie of the Herman Machines received his 10-year pin. The following received five-year pins: Varkis Arakelian, Raymond Guilbault, Elgear Delorme, Roger Delorme, Roland Deragon, and Henry Duquette. In addition to these new five-year men, the following have also been presented five-year pins: John Salome, Joseph Alfred Deome, Joseph T. Gauthier, Albert J. Tardie, Alva LeMoine, Justin J. Forcier, Vincent Grosso, John J. Orlando, William Provost, Charles Girard, and Omer Guertin. . . . Mr. Meader presented F. Opperwall and Y. Tibernian their 20-year pins, and John Tognayzi was presented with his 10-year pin. . . . Robert C. Walker, foreman of the Cupolas' in the Foundry, received a 15-year service pin.

## ROLL JOB

***by Cesag Onanian***

The personality this month is John Baker who came to this country at the age of 14 from Holland. He came to Whitinsville and about three months later started to work on the Roll Job. His first job was filing flutes. In 1908, when business was slow, he left to work in the Cotton Mill on Linwood Avenue. He worked there until 1911 when he left to work in Kalamazoo, Mich. In 1912 he enlisted in the service and until 1915 he saw service in California and along the Mexican border. Upon his discharge, he came back to Whitinsville and started to work on the Roll Job again and has been here ever since. He has worked under four foremen and at present he is one of our supervisors. He was married in Linwood on Thanksgiving Day in 1915. He is the father of one daughter and three sons and has three grandchildren. His oldest son, George, works on the Roll Job; his son, Norman, worked on the Roll Job before his transfer to the Paint Job; and his youngest son now in Denver, Colo., worked on Department 423 until he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. John does a great deal of walking and is interested in all sports but his favorites are baseball and hockey. He is another of the ardent Red Sox fans on the Job.

We are glad to see Andy Buwalda and Grace Bedrosian back to work after being out with illness. . . . Francis Jacobs paid us a visit during the month while he was home on furlough from the Army. . . . We congratulate John Stauinski who received his 10-year service pin last month. . . . Birthday greetings to Carl E. Carlson, Joseph Courteau, Edward Kmiotek, Walter Szocik, A. Norman White, Nuno Gomez, Donald Philbrook, Leo Liberty, and George Johnson.

*Pictured above are four of our erectors who were recently in Sao Paulo, Brazil, to set up machinery in Nitro-Quimica-Brasileira. Front left is John Clayton. Next to him is Henry Stuart. At the head of the table is Tom Bass and in the right foreground is Stan Piper*

## MILLING JOB

***by Marie Ebbeling***

The Blue Caps Softball Banquet was held at the Cottage Club in Bellingham on October 20. Ed Fontaine was master of ceremonies. The members of the Night Shift Band were Moose Mailloux, trumpet; John Ingham, drums; John Mikitarian, flute; Robert Vachon, mandolin; and, Ed Roussel, piano. Bagpipe soloist was Chester Roaf. . . . Ralph Peckham is in Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam, Conn. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bouchard on their ninth wedding anniversary. A dinner was held by friends at Millie Mitchell's. . . . Mrs. Bertha Ashton had a very pleasant surprise on October 10. It was her 65th birthday and Katie Smith, one of our girls, made her a delicious birthday cake, all trimmed and decorated. . . . Adrienne Roy surprised us by the high jump she featured.

*Normand St. Pierre, formerly of Department 408, was recently promoted to Sergeant. He is shown with his fiancee, Lillian Lavellee of Woonsocket*

Why? All because a little mouse ran down the aisle towards her. . . . We are happy to see William Ratcliffe with us again after many weeks of illness. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baldwin are enjoying their 32nd wedding anniversary. . . . If you want apples, see Nora Appleseed on 416 Inspection. She's the girl that will go up the tree to get them and can she pick! You can be sure of perfect ones when the inspector does it.

Congratulations to "Shorty" Lamoureaux, Lionel Lamoureaux and Norman Deshaies on completing five years of service with the Company. . . . Happy birthday to Ralph Walsh, Albert Destrempes, Lorraine Croteau, Roland Blondin, George Beaudoin, Frank Donovan, John McCaig, Theodore Morel, Simone Roy, Waldo Forsythe, and Nora Asadoorian.

*John Baker of the Roll Job has many years of service in the department. He has two sons in the Company and one in the Army*

## BLACKSMITH SHOP AND ANNEALING ROOM

***by Claire Lapierre***

William "Bill" Woodcock has been working for Whitin 19 years. All this time was spent in the Blacksmith Shop. He is a past president of the Foreman's Club. Bill is a resident of Whitinsville and is the father of two children. His son, Bill, worked in the Blacksmith Shop for eight years and now has his own shop in Linwood. His daughter lives in New Hampshire. He spends a lot of his free time fishing, which is his favorite sport.

*News notes:* We are happy to welcome back Barbara Allen who has returned to work after a three-month leave of absence. . . . The workers in the Blacksmith Shop welcome Kent T. Robinson, who has been appointed acting foreman, assisting William Woodcock. They also welcome Angus Parker, Jr., Paul Asadoorian, Ludger Lacroix, and Al Robillard to their department. . . . Congratulations to Brendan Donovan and Lawrence Lapan on receiving their five-year pins. . . . Congratulations to Albert St. Pierre, Phil Parks, and Leo Boisvert who celebrated birthdays this month.

*Some of the guests who attended the Tool Job Softball Banquet at the Kloudike Inn on September 27. Looking at the cartoons of the team's ball players drawn by Rudy Gniadek are Hertsen Heerdt, John Deschene, Fred Rondeau, George Jones, John Mullaly, Leo Tosoonian and Jerome Mandeville*

## CARDS, SMALL PARTS AND CYLINDERS

***by Millie Turgeon***

Our Marine lad, Joe Lenard, was in to see us a short time ago, and looked grand in his uniform. . . . Andy Baird, our former foreman, was in to see us not too long ago. He looked good and commented that he felt great. . . . Jim Krull and his daughter enjoyed a visit with relatives and friends in New York, recently. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Forsythe celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary, October 26. . . . Rene Stebenne of 419 is getting kidded having lived in Douglas all his life and then losing his way to Oxford. . . . We are sorry to see Sid Daubney leave our department. He is going to work on the Tool Job.

*William "Bill" Woodcock is the Blacksmith Shop's Personality of the Month*

*More than 150 members of the night shift held a party at Gus's Tavern in Nasonville, on Saturday, October 13. Arrangements were in charge of George Cartier, Department 460. Pictured above are a few of the men who attended the outing*

## GEAR JOB

***by Agnes Spratt***

We wish a happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Skillen who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. George Holt who are celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary. . . . Members of the 420 Baseball Club held a banquet at the Dudley Club on October 20. . . . We all miss John Blaine who has been out ill for some time. We wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Those who enjoyed birthdays last month in our department were Donat Brochu, Jr., Florent Reith, Paul Blondin, John Blaine, and James Spratt.

## WINDER JOB

***by Mossy Murray***

Doris Kollett, who left October 12, was honored at a baby shower held at the Colonial Club in Webster on October 9. . . . We welcome Beverly Bratt who is coming to us from Department 421 to take over the duties of stock clerk. . . . Alice Warren, 18 Storesroom Clerk, has left us to work on Inventory Control. . . . Tom Coady has been transferred from No. 18 to No. 13. We hope that you do as well on Combers as you have on Winders. . . . Joe Grigon suffered a painful injury to a finger when his ear jack slipped while he was changing a tire. Better take Dizzy Dean's advice, Joe, and switch to puncture-proof Goodrich Tires. . . . Bob Croteau and yours truly are back after taking forced vacations due to illness. . . . We welcome back Emma Philbrook and Lillian Pelland who have been ill.

Our representatives in the Shop Bowling League have a point record of 10–10 and a match record of 3–2. Chuck Wade is the team's leading bowler with an average of 96. They are eighth in the sixteen-team league. Here's hoping the boys have their eyes on the king and quarter pins for the next month, so they will move up closer to the top of the league.

## BOX JOB

***by Bernice Taylor***

Our bowling team has been getting off with a slow start this year. Of course, this is our first season and the team is trying very hard. Ralph Nolet has consistently been high scorer for 440. It would help the boys a great deal if all the members of the department would go to the alleys and root for the team. Come to the office for information regarding the dates of all matches. The members of the team are Bill O'Brien, Paul Roy, Paul Grenon, Benny Oles, Mike Ovoian and Ralph Nolet. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Such celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary on September 14. They have two children. Henry and his family live in Northbridge in a lovely home which he and Mrs. Such built themselves. . . . Hunting season is now in full swing. Leon Duda has become an enthusiast in the sport. He hasn't bagged any big game yet, but keep trying, Leo! . . . Bill Murphy, Con Feen, and Bill O'Brien attended a Fish and Game Club banquet. . . . Pete Lemire is enjoying motor trips these days in a '51 Oldsmobile. . . . Mike Ovoian and Guerino Creasia have been transferred to Department 410. These boys have been working in our department for quite some time and we hope they will both be back again soon. . . . We are happy to hear that Joe Lemieux's wife is home from the hospital after an operation and is doing nicely. . . . Our October happy birthdays went to Terry Merolli and Joe Lemieux.

## CHUCK JOB

***by Dot Antoian and Rusty Malkasian***

*Personality of the Month:* Pete Ledoux, who was born and educated in Uxbridge, came to the Whitin Machine Works in October, 1906, and has put in 45 years of continuous service—all in this department. Up to ten years ago Pete ran different machines on the floor then he became the stock clerk and later took charge of the crib, which is the job he holds today. Pete has three sons and one daughter and nine grandchildren. Although landscape gardening is one of his hobbies, he is a born musician, playing the squeeze box, violin, cornet, piano, and many others. . . . Bill Donahue has money to burn these days. He thinks absolutely nothing of burning up one thousand dollar checks. Bill was helping Mrs. D. clean up the house last week and he picked up all the old papers and burned them, including the newly arrived check. Fortunately, the firm, after getting the details, etc., reimbursed them for the loss. But, just the same, Bill has a few gray hairs from the clean-up.

Ed Rabitor is repairing washing machines in his spare time. . . . Arthur Houle, our culinary expert, certainly has the knack for making tollhouse cookies. The noticeable difference from ordinary cookies is the fact that Art makes them the size of flapjacks. We know that's a fact because we've had some samples! . . . October 21 marked the twelfth year that Rose Onanian has been with the Company. . . . To Henrietta Hoogendyke we present a bouquet for being such a darn good sport about our joke. . . "Cowboy" St. Andre recently became a grandfather for the second time and took a trip to the Cape to celebrate the occasion.

## TOOL JOB

***by George Jones***

The Tool Job Sick Benefit Club met at the Whitinsville Fire Department Assembly Hall on September 25. Three new members were accepted and the officers of the Club were appointed to take charge of the annual

*The Tool Job's representative on the new aerial ladder of the Whitinsville Fire Department, Walter Lawton, had his pants torn by a dog while inspecting cellars during Fire Prevention Week!*

banquet. The banquet was held on Saturday, November 3, in the Pythian Hall with Johnny Witek's orchestra playing for dancing. . . . Arthur Hall, a shaper hand on Department 454, and noted for his good naturedness, observed his 71st birthday, Saturday, October 6, so his fellow workers held a party for him, October 5. Mr. Hall has so many friends that Charlie Resan had to present him with two decorated cakes along with enough cigars, cigarettes, and pipe tobacco to keep him smoking for at least six months. Mr. Hall had 56 years' service with the Whitin Machine Works on Columbus Day. . . . Garret Oppewall had his nose smeared with ice cream (the only available material) in observance of his 32nd birthday.

The Tool Job Softball Team was feted at a banquet of roast turkey at the Klondike Inn, Thursday night, September 27. Alfred Morin was M.C. with Ed Postma and Charles Paine honoring the team by appearing as guest speakers. Ed gave the history of softball in the town of Northbridge and Charlie told how softballs are made in Plymouth, N. H. A three-act play was presented by Eugene Lussier, Rudy Gniadek, Victor Oby, and Freddy Rondeau. A plaque was awarded Gene Lussier for the most valuable player. The plaque was made and presented by and to none other than Gene himself. The evening was completed with music furnished by Joe Bartlett and Art Barsey with Jerry Mandeville and John Gauthier vocalists. . . . The night shift has been boasting about Harold Plante, the strong man. The nighthawks have been challenging the whole Shop to a wrist turning contest with Harold until one night an unidentified 135-pound underdog from the Gear Job conquered Harold three straight.

Incidentally, that new red car that you see around town doesn't belong to the Fire Department or the fire chief. Lil and Harry Malkasian just decided they wanted a new convertible. . . . The Tool Job Bowling Team has not struck its stride as yet and at this writing they are struggling along in fourth place. . . . We wish to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

## RING JOB

***by Flossie Hayward and Joe Witek***

Our personality of the month is Margaret Marshall of our Inspection Department. Margaret was born at 6 Main Street in town, lived in other sections in town, attended local schools, and now resides on Leland Road. She has a total of fifteen years in the Shop—one year on the Gear Job, twelve years on the Spindle Job, and has been with us for two years. For outside activities, she is a great worker in the affairs at the Presbyterian Church; does some handiwork, watches television, and enjoys Saturday trips to cities for shopping. She is quite a traveler, having roughed it to California two years ago in a not-too-new jalopy.

We have only one change in our coming-and-going traffic—Ed Rucki of Uxbridge has come to our Hardening Room on the night shift from 446. Glad to have you with us. . . . We are all hoping to see Arline Burns and Clinton Babson back soon from their illnesses. . . . Bob and Mrs. Balcome had a three-in-one celebration on October 6—their 25th anniversary, Mrs. Balcome's birthday, and the first birthday of their grandson. . . . Does Roland Turgeon look worried these days? He completely stripped his car and now he is only hoping that he can get it back together again.

Hobbies in Department 437 will be a new feature of this column as soon as your new reporters can find out what the guys and gals do in their leisure time. The object is to acquaint and get together those persons having the same interests, swap ideas, and promote improvement in these hobbies. Here are a few, and we hope to have more next month—Alice Dionne, tatting; Tut Morin, fixing up his cellar playroom; Bud Frieswyk, fishing; Flossie Hayward, knitting; Bob Balcome, music and tropical fish; Joe Hetherington, Whitin Glee Club; and Bill Malley, his horse ranch. . . . Here we must put in a bid for more cooperation in reporting the news to your reporters. We can't have a column if you don't put your news into the hands of the reporters. . . . Carol McCrea performed a wonderful favor for some man, and the guy probably will never know who did it. At the Cafeteria, a man had fallen asleep on a bench, and his cigarette had fallen onto his shirt, starting a small bonfire. Carol promptly smacked his chest to put it out, and the guy didn't even stir.

*A delicious chicken dinner was enjoyed by members of the "Benefit Club" of Department 421 at Ma Glockner's last month. This was the first get-together of the Club since it originated in October, 1950, and all members are looking forward to another party this winter*

*The Police Teams from Douglas and Northbridge played their annual benefit game for the Jimmy Fund on September 18. This is the fourth annual game which they have played but this year was the first time they played under the lights at Vail Field. Douglas won by a 10 to 1 score. WHITINS POLICE: Front row, left to right: Tom Fitzgerald, Pete Buma, Lefty Kelliher, Fred Benoit. Back row: Lou Gauthier, Sam Lussier, Cuffy Tessier, Hawk Malkasian, Howie Libbey. DOUGLAS POLICE: Seated, Chipper Devlin. Front row, left to right: Doc Novicki, Ernie Hippert, Tad Wallace, Dorsey Devlin, Bibby Comtois. Standing: John "Coo" Mercak, Buff Therien, Flaxy Vecchione, Jerry Kelley, John Michna and Chief Vic Nelson*

## CAST IRON ROOM

*by Jerry Moussette*

I would like to start this month's column off by wishing a speedy recovery to my Dad, Joseph Moussette, inspector in the Foundry who has spent two weeks at the Whitinsville Hospital after a heart attack and is now recuperating at home. . . . Our personality of the month is Horace "Curly" Dumas and his hair is really curly. He has been employed in this Department for 15 years. His home is in a section of Rockdale known as the "Old Village." He is the proud father of seven children. The oldest, Donald, spent some time as timekeeper in the Cast Iron Room and was also reporter for this department. Curly is a member of the Rod and Gun Club of Rockdale and the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club. He has been a great lover of the outdoors since his childhood. Besides hunting and fishing, he raises prize beagles and rabbits. . . . Big George Gray looks fine after the loss of 28 teeth in one pulling, losing only two days of work.

## ROVING SMALL PARTS, FLYERS AND ERECTING

*by Dan Gonlag*

Arthur Defoe is still confined to Memorial Hospital, Worcester. . . William Hayes has returned home after a long stay at the Quigley Memorial Hospital, Chelsea, Mass. We hear that Bill is on the mend. . . . Oscar Bergeron, who joined the Navy, reported for duty on November 1. . . . Our assistant foreman, Ira Naroian, has purchased a six-tenement block on A Street. . . . New man in Crib 11 is Frank Kennedy. Frank makes his home in Woonsocket. . . . The new inspector on Department 427 is Ronald Deschene. Ronald came to us from Department 417.

*News reports from the Flyer Job:* We see that Archie Ledue has started to build his cottage on Fletcher Street. He hopes that it will be finished by spring. We hope that Archie and his wife will spend many years of happiness and comfort in their new home. . . . Albert Cartier was taking golf lessons from his uncle, Al Belanger, at the Oxford Golf Club, recently, and made a hard swing at the ball. He turned around three times, fell, and landed on his finger, and broke it. When he got up and looked around the ball was still in the same place. We hope that he has better luck with the next lesson!

Joseph Hunt won an auto seat cushion. Someone asked him what he was going to do with it, and he told them he was going to use it when he was an old man. Joe is now in his 76th year. . . . Jerry Lemay observed a birthday recently. . . . Dean Perkins spent a few days at home with illness. We are glad to have him back on the Job again.

## GRINDER JOB

*by Virginia Burke*

Now that the baseball season is over, our interest has turned to our bowling team. Last year we had the championship team and wish them every success this year. Members of the team are William Markarian, captain; Raymond Roy, William Demague, Richard Grieswyk, Philip Rae, and Donald Philbrook. . . . Ten-year pins were presented by William Steele of No. 2 office to James Connors, Henry Fraugere, and Conrad D. Millette. . . . Fred Vallee, of the department, had the strange honor of playing host to a baby skunk in the kitchen of his home. However, it was a cheerful little fellow, even when a neighbor came to take it away, and we are happy to report that the little skunk's visit proved to be harmless. . . . Bill Damour, one of our truckers, has entered the Air Corps. He has our best wishes. . . . John Bibeault is our new trucker, coming from the Paint Job. . . . Richard Gjeltema, our apprentice, is learning, at the present time, the different types of grinding machines. . . . Get-well wishes are extended to our foreman, George Moran, and Bob Burns.

Our personality for the month is Arthur Gauvin who is at present a night supervisor. Arthur came to work in the Shop in October, 1919. He has worked on several jobs but his longest record is on the Grinder Job where he operated a lathe machine. Arthur married Ora Gravelle in 1921 and they have one daughter and three grandchildren. Arthur has lived in Linwood all his life where two years ago he built himself a new home. He served four years with the Navy during World War I. His hobby is taking care of his flowers and puttering around his home. Always a pleasant and jolly person, Arthur, too, is a good worker and we are proud to have him on the job.

*Howard Heald of the Spinning Erecting Floor came to Whitins in 1914 and was a roadman for three years. He left the Company in 1920 and returned in 1932 to the Spinning Erecting Floor where he has been ever since. Howard is shown with Mrs. Heald*

## LET'S GIVE GENEROUSLY

The annual drive for the Northbridge Agencies will take place during week of November 8–17, 1951. The quota this year will be $12,000, divided as follows:

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| Whitinsville Hospital (operating expense) | $5,000 |
| Northbridge Nursing Assoc., Inc. | 3,500 |
| Girl Scouts | 1,100 |
| Boy Scouts | 2,000 |
| U. S. O. Agencies | 400 |
| Total | $12,000 |

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

With the holidays coming on and turkey dinners looming up, a group from these departments hied themselves to the Colonial Club for a dinner of those delicious steaks. A good time was had by all and everyone joined in the singing. One member sang "Come On-A My House" so convincingly that a few of the boys took him up on it and didn't get home until four in the morning. They should be out of their respective doghouses just about this time. . . . Armand Henault received his five-year pin this week after starting in to work after an operation at Memorial Hospital. Walter Oolovgian (Dillinger) received his five-year pin also the same day and was going into the same hospital, the same week, for the same operation. Walter will be looking for a visit or letters from his friends during his convalescence. . . . Gripe! To see that smug look on Yankee fans faces as they keep counting the long green stuff in front of the Red Sox fans. . . . Bill Crossland was the recipient of a wallet and sum of money on his transfer from 433 to 428. Bill started in the Spinning Department in July, 1920, and has worked in the department ever since. He had requested the change so he might obtain lighter work for his health's sake. We will miss him around the department but he won't be too far away and we can see him occasionally.

The greatest talk of the year. Bill LeClerc finally convincing Ken Gauthier that the single wing is better than the T formation. . . . Alec Wilson has purchased the Schat residence on Cottage Street and expects to be in his new home by December 1. . . .

Leo Bellville received his 10-year pin from the Company. Other recipients of five-year pins are Arthur Alix and Owen Tetreault.

*Our personality:* Howard Heald first came to Whitinsville in 1914 and worked with Whitins on the Card Erecting Floor and then traveled on the road for three years. He left the Shop in 1920, worked in various concerns in Boston, then returned to Whitins in 1932, and has been on the Spinning Erecting Floor ever since. Howard and Mrs. Heald reside on their five-acre farm in Upton, which they purchased in 1926. They have one married daughter and one grandson. Howard's leisure moments are spent working around his farm and especially enjoying the beauty of his pine trees.

Bill Muse tells us that while on maneuvers with the Army in the South, he slept in a cemetery one evening and upon waking the next morning saw his name on the tombstone in the lot where he slept. The middle initial happened to be J, where his is F, but just the same, we page Mr. Ripley.

*The unknown team in our Softball League this year was the Blue Caps from the Department 416 night shift. Starting too late to enter the league officially, they took on all comers and won 10 games, losing three. With such a good record they should be eligible for the '52 league. First row: P. Jolly, Edward Murray, R. Murray, mascot; Francis Bigbie, Roger Emmons. Center row: Lucien Benoit, manager; Joseph Levasseur. Rear row: Sid Vandersea, Richard Brown, Frank Michalski, Joseph Gagnon, N. Benoit and Elwin Smith, coach*

*Donat Picard's work is truing whorls. He is employed on the Spindle Job*

*Alan D. Blizard, Hospital Man, 3/c, has been in the Navy for three years and just recently signed up for six more. While at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital he studied neurology for one and one-half years. At present Alan is stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Alan used to work for Arthur Jackman in the laboratory*

*A picture of the Whitin Plant in Charlotte, North Carolina, taken by Chick Farrand, on his recent trip through the South*

## SPINDLE JOB

***by Ed Bates***

*Our personality:* Donat Picard, resident of this town, came to the United States in 1920 from St. Theodore d'Acton, P.Q., Canada. He went to Woonsocket and shortly afterwards eame to the Whitin Machine Works. His work is smooth-turning whorls (truing in whorls). Donat is married and has four children and five grandchildren.

Charles Pendleton entered the Air Corps in October. We wish him the best of luek. . . . Those who are still on leaves of absence are Thomas Fitzpatrick, Victor Petrin, and Joseph McCrea. . . . Those who celebrated wedding anniversaries during the month of October were Mrs. Yvonne Sauve, Earl Moore, Leo Imondi, and Mrs. Geraldine Koprusak.

William A. Farley, son of Elmer Farley of Department 439, worked in the Core Room until entering the Army and has been in Korea for three years. He was married in Japan, and is expected home with his bride about the last of this month. His father served in the Army in World War I in Germany, and also served in the Merchant Marines in the South Pacific during World War II. William says that he and the fellows in the service enjoy receiving the SPINDLE and would like to thank all concerned in getting this magazine to them.

## LINWOOD MILL

***by Louise Sohigian***

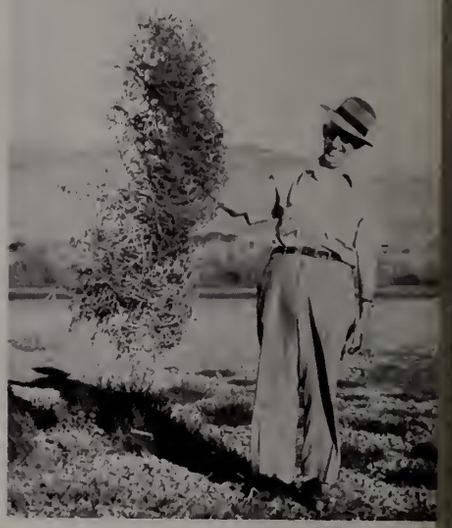
The birthday candles were lit for Ruth Todd, George Gobeille, and Rene Raymond last month. . . . The following eelebrated wedding anniversaries last month: Fred Ledeoux, Ed Ledeoux, Frank Libbey, Gladys Hickey, Lillian Roberts, Byron Deane, and George Gobeille. . . . Albina Berkowitz was presented her five-year serviee pin by our foreman Louis Hanson. . . . Two Linwood Rollers were awarded softballs at the girls' softball banquet on October 17. They were chosen for the all-star team. The girls were Tillie Oppewall and Ruth Crothers. . . . Renee Hebert gets top mention this month. He discovered and extinguished a small blaze which had started through combustion in the Linwood Mill last month, thus preventing what could have been something more serious.

## SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

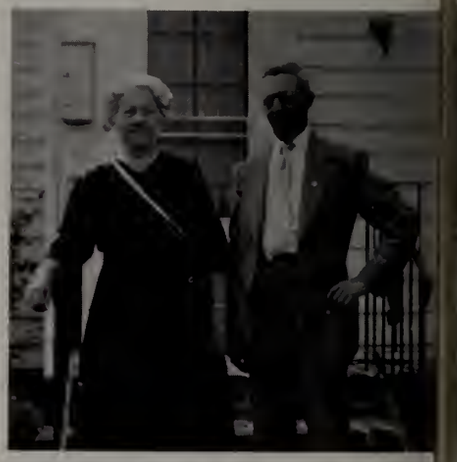
***by Harold Ingham***

*Personality of the Month:* Philip Dion was born in Linwood and attended Linwood schools and Northbridge High School. He has been with the Company for nine years; his first job was with the Magneto Spraying Department and from there he served three years with the 27th Seabee Battalion. He then eame to Department 452. Phil is married and lives in Linwood. He is a past president of the Gas Model Airplane Club in Blackstone. His other hobbies included photography, outboard motor boats, hunting and fishing. He is also a member of the Blood Donors' Club. . . . We recently had

*The Freight House Office recently received this picture of Leo Gauthier, left formerly of the office, with a buddy from Sanford, Maine*



*Hank Hewett inspects sagebrush at close range while roaming the West*



*Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Feddema who observed their 50th wedding anniversary on September 2. Jacob was assistant foreman of Department 425 before his recent retirement*

*Lillian Scott, Department 451, Kathryn Gilroy, Department 439 and Margaret Damarjian, Department 439, enjoying the summer snow at Lake Placid, N. Y.*

*Jack Bolton has been transferred from the Repair Department to Mr. Alden's Treasury Department. Before taking over his new assignment Jack's friends in the Repair Department held a party in his honor at the Colonial Club. Representing the members of the department, Bob McKaig presented Jack with a black onyx pen and pencil desk set*

*Rose Coporale of Department 446, enjoyed her vacation on "Top of the World" in Lake George, N. Y.*

two visitors from the Navy: John Riley and Francis Ward. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ingham observed their 21st wedding anniversary this past month. Mrs. Ingham was formerly with Department 449.

## PURCHASE-INSPECTION, JOBBING AND DRILLING

*by Frances Kenney*

No doubt Lester (Sagebrush Hank) Hewett of Department 425 is wondering how we ever got this picture. Sagebrush Hank spent his vacation roaming the West, especially Nevada. We understand that he took in several night spots including the Covered Wagon Room, Harold's Club, the million dollar Cal-Neva Club, the 116 Club, to mention only a few. To Mrs. Dick Brown, hostess of the Cedar Lodge Motel, the SPINDLE staff sends its thanks for this very fine picture of Lester, which she took during his stopover there.

The welcome mat is out for Kenneth Reid, apprentice from Department 454 and William Crossland of Department 433. Mr. Crossland has been with the Company for 33 years. . . . Louis Peck has returned after an eight-week illness. . . . We wish Peter Baker a speedy recovery. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Senecal celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary on October 21 and Mr. and Mrs. Donat Brochu celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on the 1st of October. Congratulations!

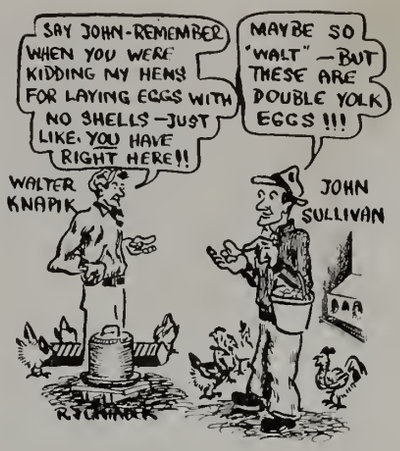
Robert Lamoureaux, of Department 428, was presented a purse of money on October 5 at noon by members of his Department. Bob joined the United States Navy and at this writing is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Base. . . . Smitty, the inspector, came in to see us, while home on furlough. He is stationed at March Field, in California.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

*by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin*

Marie Oliver and Ann Carter really hung one on the fabulous and shrewd Paulie "Hot Dog" Devlin. The two fair damsels were out for a stroll one lonely evening in October and upon passing Paulie's stand, decided that a repast was in order. After ordering two hot dogs, two cheeseburgers and two cakes apiece, their faces became a beautiful shade of crimson upon discovering that their funds were in the same condition as their complexions. Our hero rose to the occasion by announcing that the meal was "on the wagon." . . . Incidentally, a lot of people are bewildered with the setup Paulie has at the stand. The stand, located in the middle of a large grass plot, is surrounded by "Keep off the grass" signs. Maybe this will encourage the sale of helicopters.

*No. 5 News:* We welcome Harry H. Goulet and John H. Freenlund to the day shift and Jackson P. King to the night shift. We also wish to welcome Cecilia Normandin who has come to us from the Production Department. . . . Yvonne Morven has returned to work after being out for a month by reason of illness and Larry Comptois who has made a speedy recovery from his operation. . . .




*The Blacksmith Shop chicken-raisers*

*Robert Bosma, of the Methods Department, with his model plane which won third prize in senior stunt events in a nationwide meet at Barry Memorial Field, Woonsocket, last month. More than 76 contestants vied for the $1,000 worth of trophies donated by the city's merchants. Bob has won a number of awards with this particular model*

Dame Rumor has it that Henry Ebbeling attended a Hallowe'en party and tried to impersonate Dagmar—there is no resemblance, Henry—Dagmar has more money. . . . The girls in No. 5 are open to suggestions on how to get rid of the "visitor" that runs around the office occasionally, eating their lunches and scaring the girls. I cannot see why they complain, a little mouse cannot eat too much.

We in the Production Department are most happy to see Lester Dermody back to work after being side-lined with illness. . . . We are glad to see Jackie Ratcliffe back in our midst after an operation on his knee. . . . At this writing, Jimmy Jones, is a patient at Whitinsville Hospital and we hope that by "press time" Jimmy will be back to work with us. . . . *Reporters' Note:* The small column this month is evidence again that you are not giving the reporters the news. Let us get back in the groove and get the news in. For a little experiment sometime, pretend that you are the reporter and try to write a column on things *you* alone, are aware of—it is *not* easy.

In a recent noon hour bridge game with Dick Walker, Bill Walsh, and Joe Roche, Sal Tumulo bid five clubs on the five clubs he was holding in his hand. After Sal failed to make his bid F. O. Rizer, C. K. (chief kibitzer), kidded Sal about his bidding ability. Sal apparently took the kidding seriously because the next morning before seven o'clock he was seen studying a book entitled "How to Play Bridge."

## RESEARCH DIVISION

***by John Rose***

The reporter from this department, John Rose, has asked me to contribute a few comments for the column. First, I want to tell you how good it is to be back on the job again, after, what to me, has been a long time recuperating from my recent illness. I want to express my thanks to my co-workers and the editor of the SPINDLE for arranging a news column for the Research and Development Department. I feel that we have the nucleus of one of the best departments in the Shop—and I hope that each one of us will strive each day, by diligent efforts, to do the work assigned to us with a willingness and cooperative spirit that will spread and be reflected throughout the entire organization. Naturally, some of our tasks are sometimes tedious and boring and we are apt to become dissatisfied, but it is my sincere desire that we of the Research and Development Department will tackle our tasks with a spirit of thoroughness and understanding, with loyalty to the Company and good fellowship and friendliness toward our fellow workers. This spirit will go a long way toward making our tasks easier and our lives happier. While we have not completed any major revolutionary new developments, since the formation of our Research and Development Department, we are working on several ideas and developments which, when completed, the writer feels confident will keep the Whitin Machine Works the leader in the field of textile fibre processing machinery.—D. A. Cabot, Chie Development Engineer.

*Herbert Cutler, the Research Division's Personality of the Month, is shown with his two sons, Donald and Gerald*

*Our personality:* Born in Wilmington N. Y., Herbert Cutler moved to Northbridge in 1918. He attended the public schools an graduated from Northbridge High. Durin his school days, Herb starred in sports, an most of all football. In 1933 he entered th employ of the Whitin Machine Works an worked under George Dyer in Departmen 420; from that time to 1950, when he wa transferred to the Research Division, h worked in various departments around th Shop. Herb married Rita King from Worcester and they have three children: Gerald age 9; Donald, age 7; and Claire, age 2 Herb and his family reside in their own hom on Elm Street in Upton.

Dana Heald vacationed for two enjoyabl weeks in Maine. . . . Ronald Blakely vaca tioned one week sporting around and takin in the first game of the World Series. . . Herbert Spencer, with family, spent a wee end at the White Mountains. . . . I'v been told that Ray Cabana has been see sporting around in a new Chevrolet station wagon. . . . Dana Heald is very prou of his new grandson, who was born in Augus and named after him, Dana Steven Baun . . . Recently Mr. Cabot presented a fiv year pin to Bill Linkow, who is central plan ner for this division. . . . We welcom John Stanovich and Charlie Sprague, tw apprentices who will be with us for a whil John lives on Hartford Avenue in Nort Uxbridge and his hobbies are sports an wood-carving. Let us see some of your worl John. . . . Charlie and his family, resi in Woonsocket at the present time, but a building their own home in Cumberlan Charlie has two boys, age 4 and 2.

With his apprentice work in the Resear Division completed, Jim McGrail has left u and has returned to the main plant to wo on another job. It was nice having yo with us, Jim. . . . I hear that Hugo Meott has lost many small baseball bets to Jac Rauth. . . . I understand John Dudle

*Paul Blaine and Paul Mathieu (center foreground) of the Spindle Job, have left the employ of the Whitin Machine Works to work for the Douglas Aircraft Corporation in California. Before leaving the Shop both men received a purse of mone from their friends in the department. The presentations we made by John Baker, on the left, and Elmer Farley, on the rig*

nearly ate his dinner in the elevator one day last week. It seems that John had reached his destination but the door wouldn't open. However, after a short spell, during which much kidding was going on, the door did open just enough for him to "roll" out. Happy landings, John! . . . Frank Skalko, secretary of the newly organized bowling league, contributed this report for our column: After three weeks of play, the complement of the four bowling teams in the Research Division league was changed to agree with the estimates of the skill of each bowler based on statistical analysis. The scores of early matches show a very small margin between total pinfalls; as, for example, the games played on October 15, had a three-string total of 1224 for the highest team and 1211 for the lowest team. We wonder how this system of selection will work out at season's end.

A tentative committee has instituted plans for a Christmas party for all members of our Division and details will be ironed out in the near future. . . . Birthday greetings are extended to Ed Perry and Al Meservey, and congratulations to Bill Werth, Ray Mooradian, and Myron Chace who celebrated their wedding anniversaries. . . . I would like to thank the few people who generously submit news for our column. If we would all do our share in turning in items of interest about people in our departments, it would be most appreciated and at the same time it would make our column much more interesting.

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

*by Peggy Deome*

Newcomers to the Engineering Department are Pendleton Havener and Janet Pieleski. "Penney," to his friends, works for Allen Hastings and comes from Oxford. Janet, who has been transferred from 406A, works in the Blueprint Department. Ray Burke has returned to our department after serving seven months in the Submarine Service of the Navy aboard the U.S.S. "Threadfin." Sylvia Simonian has been transferred to the Repair Department and Veronica Kelliher has been transferred to the Freight House. . . . Pfc. George Burgess, USAF, formerly of the department was in to see us before returning to Austin, Texas. He has just finished a course in radar mechanics. . . . Many have probably noticed the trophy the Engineering Department was presented for being champions of the baseball league. It stands on the filing cabinet just outside Mr. Helland's office.

This month's personality is Joseph Branigan who has been with the Company for nearly 28 years. He graduated from Uxbridge High School, Worcester Trade School, and also took a course in textiles at the Rhode Island School of Design. After graduating from school Joe started working in the Whitin Machine Works on February 1, 1924, as a detailer. He has one daughter and five grandchildren. Joe's hobbies are sports, growing flowers, and traveling. He has been to Florida several times, Bermuda once, and spent this year's vacation in Mexico. He has a large collection of pictures, both moving pictures and photographs, of his many travels. Joe has been an Uxbridge town official for 18 years.

*Did you identify Mathias McNeil, of the Roll Job, as last month's mystery man? Try to guess who the young man is on the right*

## MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

*by Aileen Blakely*

We had three visitors to the Maintenance Department this month. Arthur Johnson of the Army, who used to work for Dick Davidson, and who is stationed, at the present time, in Camp Atterbury, Indiana. The second visitor, looking 10 years younger, was Jim Kane, former foreman of the Outside Paint Shop. Jim lives in Maine now and spends most of his days hunting and fishing. Our third guest was Norman Spratt, home on furlough from the Army. He is stationed at Fort Bragg.

*This is how Cyril D. Norton of Department 489 spent his summer days at Martha's Vineyard. This picture was taken down at the Baru-house in Chilmark, Mass., after a day's work at handmowing*

Ernie Leonard, our friend of the Outside Paint Shop, is still over at the Whitinsville Hospital at this writing. We all miss his humor and hope that he will be back to work shortly.

Those returning from vacations recently were Philip Walker, from Cape Cod; George DeBoer, who visited his daughter in Michigan; Denton Simmons who returned from Maine; George Witcher who visited many places in Vermont and Milton Crossland who enjoyed life in his new home on Fletcher Street.

## PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

*by Freelon Morris, Jr.*

The female population of this Department celebrated the 165th anniversary of Barbara Fritchie's birth on October 17, 1951, by holding a pizza party at the Bocci Club in Woonsocket. All of the girls made an uneventful recovery. . . . Bob Wood and Luke Lomartire attended the formal opening of the Personnel Counseling and Testing Laboratories at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York, October 24 and 25. The program included a discussion on some of the important points of the Institute's personnel testing projects which had been conducted with students. . . . Lawrence and Gussie Keeler had an enjoyable vacation boating along the Mississippi from Cincinnati down to New Orleans and back again. They were accompanied by Mike and Tillie Marker and Sam Currie.

The following item appeared on the editorial page of the *Evening Gazette:* "Sir: I would like to express my appreciation to the driver of the Whitin Machine beachwagon. Every afternoon on Vernon Street the traffic is so heavy a person often waits as long as five minutes to cross the street. This afternoon was the first time that I can ever remember any driver ever stopping to let a person cross the street. So you see we do have a few polite drivers and this one was a middle-aged man.—Mrs. L. C., Worcester." To George Williamson, we tip our hats.

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Jean Cunningham*

October wasn't a very outstanding month in this department but there were four birthdays—Louis Belval, Charlie Mateer, Jennie Polek, and Roy Worthington. Emil Zwyien received his five-year pin the other day so congratulations are in order for him also. . . . Jack Lalor, Bud Benner, and Owen Williams took off one week end for New Hampshire and some good fishing. . . . Al Copone is having trouble with his TV set. He decided to ask one of the office experts what was wrong, so he did just that by asking what the sign of snow was. He got his answer all right. Paul Wheeler told him he didn't know unless it meant an early winter. . . . We all want to wish Lou Chapman a very speedy recovery. He is missed especially for his sense of humor and pleasant disposition. He does his best to make everyone happy. Hurry back, Chappie, we all miss you. . . . Congratulations to Frank DeHaas of Methods and Mrs. DeHaas on celebrating their eighth wedding anniversary on October 8. Many more years of success to both of you.

## WORKS ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENTS

*by Oscar Erickson*

The blue haze that you saw in the Cost Department recently can be traced directly to Ted Fronczek, who became the proud father of an eight-pound two-ounce girl on September 23. With the air conditioning not working, it was a wonder that the Fire Department didn't attempt a daring rescue, judging from the amount of smoke that was pouring out of the windows. . . . The Oscar Ericksons, the Henry Lawtons and the Ken Crossmans all celebrated wedding anniversaries recently. . . . Simone Grenier, Joseph Kroll, and Roscoe Knight had birthdays this month.

*Tabulating* welcomes Mrs. Dorothy Albin from Uxbridge. . . . Arlene Bruso and Helen Duggan celebrate birthdays this month and the Howard Cooks celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary.

The girls of *Payroll, Tabulating* and *Budgets* have formed a new club that will meet at their various homes once a month. The first meeting was held October 18 at the home of Mrs. Victoria Roy, with Miss Annie Plantenga, co-hostess. Bridge was played and refreshments were served. The November meeting will be held at the home of Arlene Bruso with Helen Duggan as co-hostess. . . . Roxie Avakian has returned after her leave of absence during which she traveled to California to visit her husband who is stationed there. Her son, Charles, accompanied her. . . . George Kane celebrated his birthday and 10th wedding anniversary this month. . . . Barbara Trilligan has a birthday this month. Congratulations! The welcome mat is out for Virginia Laporte.

## MASTERLIST DEPARTMENT

*by R. W. Yeo*

Jim Davidson, our personality of the month, his wife, Lillian, and their four children, three boys and a girl, live at 9 Arcade Street. Jim's oldest son, Jim, Jr., was an all-star basketball and baseball player this past year for Northbridge High School. Jim was a good softball and basketball player himself in the late '20's. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to this country in 1920 with his parents. After Jim left Northbridge High School, his first job was in the Drafting Room, doing detail work in 1926. Ten years later Jim came to the Masterlist Department as a specifications analyst where he first worked on knitting and winder machinery. Jim now has roving and long draft spinning machinery. In 1947 Jim was promoted to assistant supervisor under R. K. Brown, II, which is the position he now holds. In his "off" hours, Jim's main interest is sports. . . . Ed Morse, specifications analyst, was awarded a five-year pin last month.

## WAGE STANDARDS

*by Giggie Fettuccia*

Our best wishes to Ronnie King, Frank Martin, M. L. Richardson, Ed Ahlstrom, James Huedner, and Elizabeth Brown who observed birthdays recently. . . . The 485 Club members and wives enjoyed a lobster and steak dinner at the Colonial Club in Webster on September 19. . . . The welcome mat is extended to Jocelyn Taylor, transferred from 487 and John Gromley, Bob Asmussen, Donald Mateer, David Sibson, and Harold Tallman, new members t the Company. . . . Marilyn Blair w voted the outstanding softball player of th Girls' League at a banquet held at th Colonial Club, on October 17.

## REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

*by Joyce Rondeau and Charles Polucha*

We welcome Sylvia Simonian and Richa Rawlinson to our office, and bid farewell Roberta Wallace, who is leaving to take domestic duties. . . . A bon voyage par was held o October 19, in New York f Ann Harrin, a, Ruth Cameron, and Shirl Lightbown, by a oup of friends, precedi their trip to Ba da and Nassau. . . Ruth Cormier, a former employee, was to visit us on Columbus Day. She is n working in Worcester. . . . Vacations t month were enjoyed by Ruth Crothe Frances Von Flattern, Charles Noble, Char Polucha, William Crawford and Joyce Ro deau. . . . We hope that Betty Mombo quette won't have to wear that bandage t long on her ankle. Betty fell out of b one morning trying to shut the alarm c and wrenched her ankle.

## FREIGHT HOUSE OFFICE

*by Harold Libby*

Twenty-five members of this departm attended a stag party at The Moors Clarence Bisson who reported for Uncle S at the Fargo Building on November 9. . A pre-nuptial party was held at the Ab Wheeler House for Claire DeOrsay at wh she received gifts and many good wish Members of the Repair Shipping Office a Receiving Department attended. . . . A year pin was presented to Henry Isabe a 10-year pin was presented to Edward G man and five-year pins were presented William McGee, Ernest Payette, and Rus J. Durand.

We are sorry to hear that Joe White confined to Worcester Memorial Hosp and wish him a speedy recovery. . . . A a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, our traffic mana John Wasiuk returned home minus glasses. "Wot hoppen, John?" . . . T department is very proud of the huge pa ings at the Hobby Show, especially in swimming pool; these paintings were d by Alfred Demars of the Repair Shipp Department. Also, the tremendous tas decorating the center of the main floor, wh was done by Arthur Malo of the Recei Department.

Edward A. Gorman came to Whitin 1941, a graduate of Uxbridge High Sch His first position was in the Freight H Office, as invoice clearance checker. He tered the Air Corps in the Asiatic Pa Theatre of operations, serving at New donia, New Hebrides, and New Zealand. was discharged in 1945, returned to States, and resumed his position in the Fre House Office as book clerk, later being pointed as supervisor of Domestic Booking. His hobbies are oil painting trips to New York, where he takes in all latest shows.

*Mike Masley, left foreground, wasn't forgotten by his fellow packers when he was recalled for service by the Navy last month. On behalf of Mike's friends, Sid Dufries presented him with a purse of money. From the left: Joseph Abram, Camille Roy, Ernest Johnson, Emile Courtemarche, Alphonse Noel, Joseph Poulin, Ferdinand Roy, Alfred Berube, Stephen Staniek, and Louis Vermette*

*Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nowlan of Charlotte, were married in St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, N. C., on August 4*

To Sam Mateer, Methods, and Mrs. Mateer, a daughter, Kathleen Mary, born September 22.

To Owen Tetreault, Department 448C, and Mrs. Tetreault, a son, born October 19.

To Emmanuel Benoit, Department 433, and Mrs. Benoit, a daughter, Susan Theresa, born September 24.

To William Muse, Department 430, and Mrs. Muse, a daughter, Carol Jean, born September 21.

To Richard Hommes, Department 432, and Mrs. Hommes, twins (daughter and son), weighing 13 pounds.

To Setrak Akillian, Department 432, and Mrs. Akillian, a daughter.

To Nelson Bartlett, shop apprentice, and Mrs. Bartlett, a daughter, Sharon Lee, born August 13.

To Barratt W. Judson, Masterlist Department, and Mrs. Judson, a son, David Theodore, born October 4.

To Josiah Berry and Mrs. Cecile Berry, of Department 416, a daughter, Deborah Ann, born October 15.

To Ed Sheenan, Department 453, and Mrs. Sheenan, a son, born September 9.

To Theodore Fronczek, Cost Department, and Mrs. Fronczek, a daughter, Diane Mary, born September 23.

To Everett Bishop, Blacksmith Shop, and Mrs. Bishop, a son, Russell, born on September 24.

To Lawrence Adams, Department 439 inspector, and Mrs. Adams, a son, Daniel Tyler, born October 6.

To Ralph Nolet, Box Job, and Mrs. Nolet, a daughter, Christine, born October 12.

To Ernest Porter, Department 411, and Mrs. Porter, a daughter, Janet Ann, born September 13.

To John Rainville, Department 411, and Mrs. Rainville, a daughter, Dianne Theresa, born September 24.

To John Thompson, Engineering Department, and Mrs. Thompson, a son, Charles, born October 17.

## Obituaries

The employees of the Linwood Division express their sympathy to John McDonough on the loss of his brother.

The members of the Freight House extend their condolences to Phyllis Lemoine on the death of her father.

The members of the Works Accounting Department extend their condolences to Mrs. Richard Hanny on the death of her mother.

The members of the Cost Department express their sympathy to Mrs. J. William Merriam on the death of her father.

The members of Department 408 express their sympathy to Bill Metcalf in the loss of his father.

*Harvey Youngsma and Anna Bergius who were married in the Christian Reformed Church, September 4. Anna is the daughter of George Bergius of Department 417*

*Michael Berardi of Department 439, married to Rena Carbonello at St. Tarcisius Church in Framingham on September 30*

The members of Department 489 extend their sympathy to Vivian Dumais on the death of her uncle.

The members of the Winder Job and Payroll Department extend their sympathy to Robert and Richard Conlee on the death of their father.

Our condolences are extended to Robert Jordan, manager of the Blue Eagle, in the recent loss of his father.

Nancy Seagrave, Department 485, married to Pvt. William Andrews, September 15.

Lee Valente, Department 427, engaged to Constance Ann Lumenti of Hopkinton. Marriage will take place, December 1.

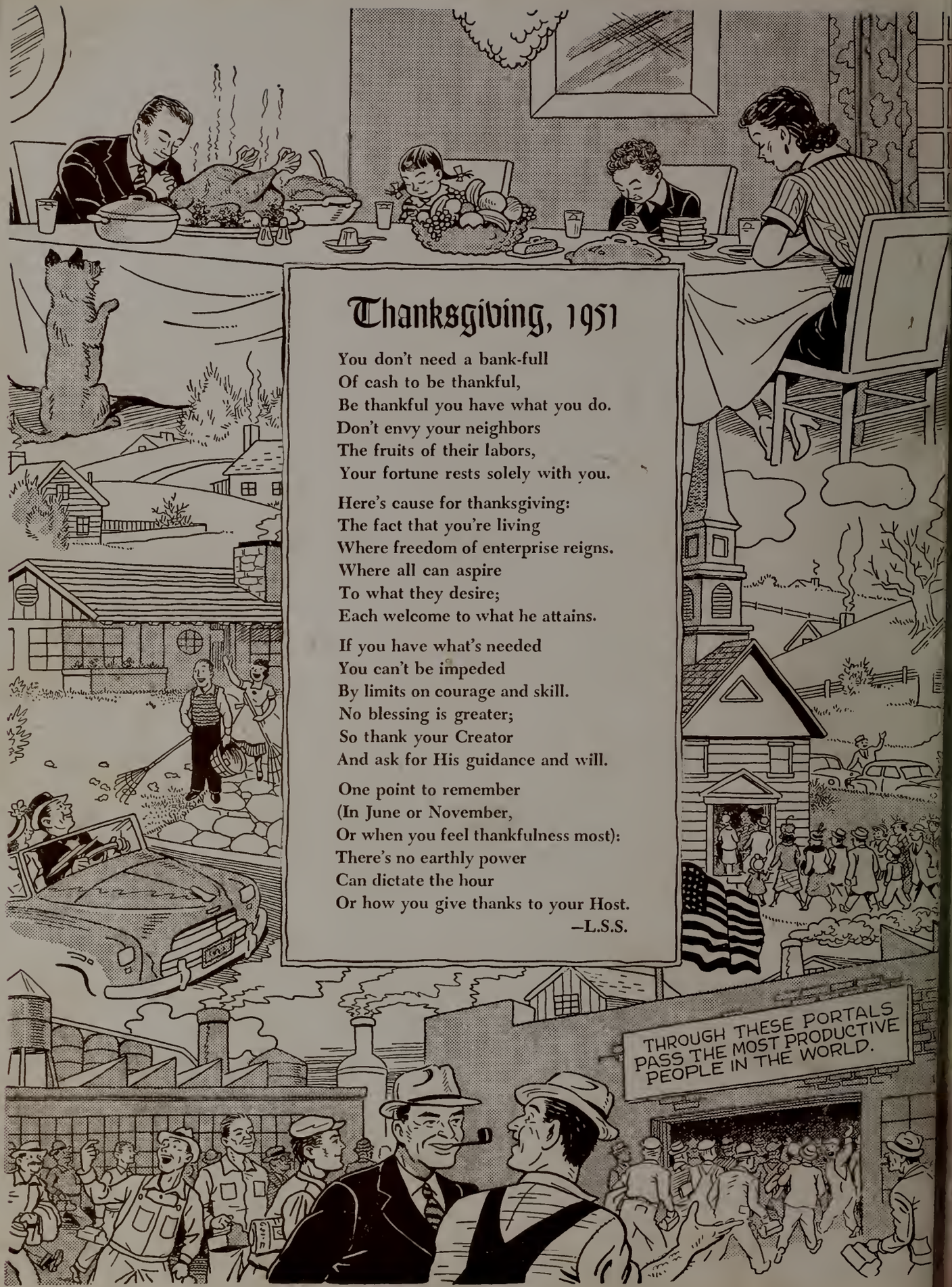
Gladys De Young, Department 416, married to William Bangma in the Christian Reformed Church, October 30.

Francis Jacobs, formerly of the Roll Job, now with the Army, engaged to Olive Holt of Whitinsville.

Norman Spratt, formerly of Department 466, now with the Army, engaged to Betty McGilton of Uxbridge.

Raymond Nowlan, a Whitin serviceman in the South, was recently married in Charlotte, N. C. Mrs. Nowlan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grier Nelson of Charlotte.

After spending seven months in Europe Bob Ferguson returned to marry Donna Pruitt in Atlanta, Ga., on October 17.




# Thanksgiving, 1951

You don't need a bank-full
Of cash to be thankful,
Be thankful you have what you do.
Don't envy your neighbors
The fruits of their labors,
Your fortune rests solely with you.

Here's cause for thanksgiving:
The fact that you're living
Where freedom of enterprise reigns.
Where all can aspire
To what they desire;
Each welcome to what he attains.

If you have what's needed
You can't be impeded
By limits on courage and skill.
No blessing is greater;
So thank your Creator
And ask for His guidance and will.

One point to remember
(In June or November,
Or when you feel thankfulness most):
There's no earthly power
Can dictate the hour
Or how you give thanks to your Host.

—L.S.S.

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# Spindle

December 1951

Kaspar Kavanian, ladle pusher in Faundry, has been with Whitin far 30 years. He has a son in the service and lives at 422 Church Street

Sarkis Asadoarian, Sheet Metal worker, come to Whitin fram Armenia 42 years ago. Four of his six children are in the Shop. He likes sports

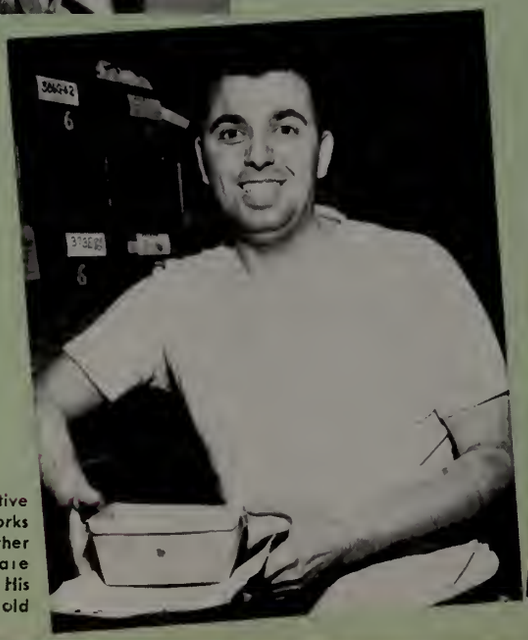
Ralph Guidotte has been in the Faundry 19 years. He came from Italy 42 years ago and lives in Milfard with his wife and four children

# Familiar Faces

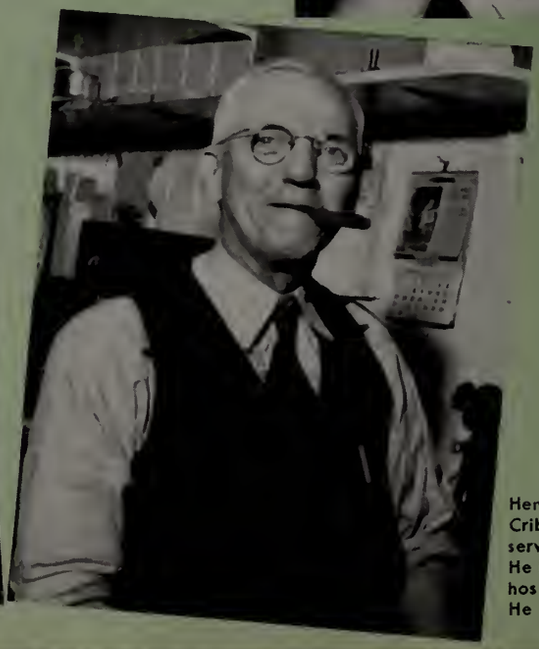
## AROUND THE PLANT

Bernice Taylor, af the Box Jab, has been with the Company three years. She has a san, 13 years, and a daughter, nine yeors ald. She likes to knit and swim

Gertrude Lafleur is a Shortage Clerk at Crib 5, and is observing her first anniversary with Whitin Mochine Works this month. She is married to Gerald Lafleur



Oscar Asadaorian is a native of Whitinsville and works for Production. His father (above) ond relatives are also Whitin employees. His grondmother is 101 yeors old



Henry Todd, group le[illegible] Crib 13, has over 56 [illegible] service with the Co[illegible] He is a notive of Irela[illegible] hos one son in the Co[illegible] He lives at 26 Maple [illegible]

*John Maloney, Joseph Hvizdash, and Joseph Felix unloading sheet steel with a sheet lifter. This lifter can handle anything from one piece to lots weighing up to 10,000 pounds, in widths ranging from 18 to 72 inches. A 60,000 pound carload can be unloaded in approximately half an hour*

# Steel Storage and Cutting-Off Department

Today with steel at a premium, the Steel Storage and Cutting-Off Department plays an especially vital part in the building of textile machines.

As the name signifies, Steel Storage refers to the area where we stock our steel until it is needed in the Shop. Steel is received at the Warehouse in bars, strips, coils, sheets, and plates, and must be cut into convenient handling lengths before it can be used by our manufacturing departments. This is why it is known as the Steel Storage and Cutting-Off Department.

Prior to moving to the Warehouse in April, 1947, Steel Storage and the Cutting-Off Job were separate departments located in the Freight House. For the purpose of releasing space for our Shipping Department and at the same time improving production efficiency, it was found advisable to move these two departments and consolidate them in the new Warehouse located in the west section of the Yard.

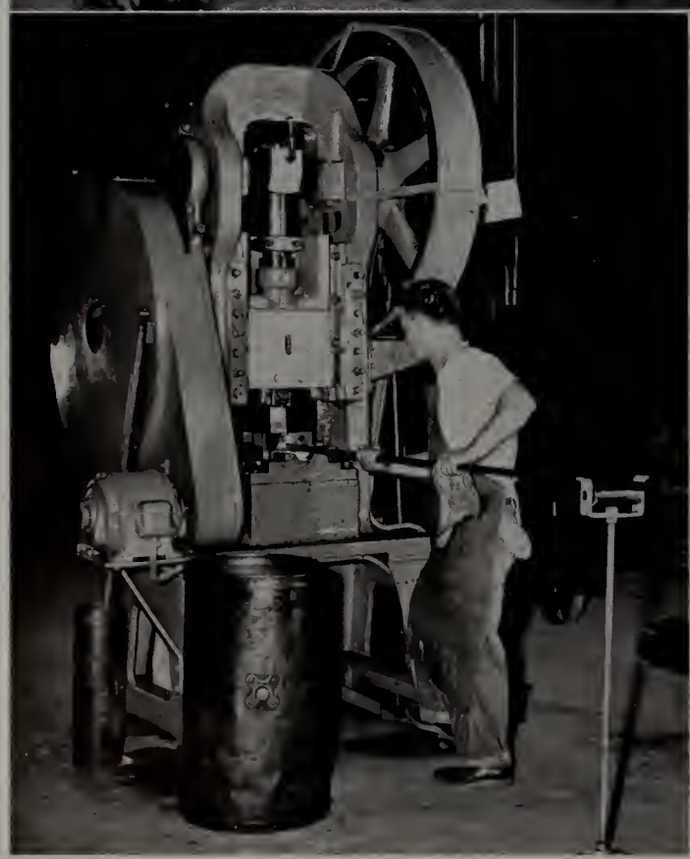
It takes many kinds of steel items to build a textile machine. In order to have it available when required, it is necessary to carry an inventory of over 800 items, ranging in quantity from a few pounds to more than 200,000 pounds. The problem of handling this wide variety of items was another reason for consolidating these departments.

On an average day 80,000 pounds of steel leave the Warehouse for the Shop on orders received from the Production Department and plant foremen. In addition, they also handle requisitions for sizable quantities of aluminum, magnesium, brass, and tin plate.

As these orders are received by the Steel Storage and Cutting-Off Department, the size, shape, and type of steel desired are noted and an estimate is made of the number of bars needed to fill the order. The most suitable operation for cutting the steel also is determined at this time.

The steel is first taken to the boiling-out tanks where

*One view of the racks built to store the various steel and n ferrous items needed in the manufacture of our machine that were specially designed to insure the accurate classificati and convenient handling of the more than 800 different ite of varying lengths, size, finish, shape, and compositi John Collins and Robert Campo are shown storing the st*



*This punch press is used to cut steel into lengths required by the various manufacturing departments. Other equipment consists of circular and high-speed hack saws, abrasive cut-off wheels, capable of handling material running from one-eighth inch in diameter up to six inches. Emilio Taddie is the operator*

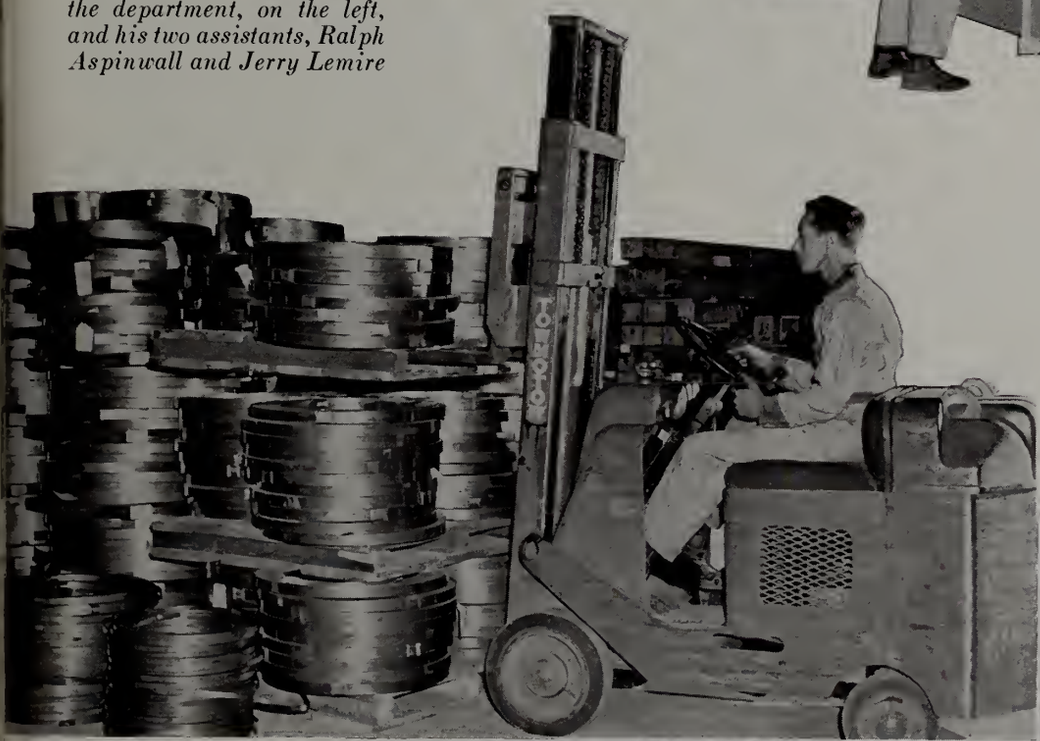
the grease and rust resistants are removed in an Oak bath. For cutting the stock two different types of m chines are used. For stock measuring from ¼″ to 1½ in diameter, requiring a finish cut, an abrasive cutting-wheel is used. For stock which does not require a fini cut, but must be remachined, punch presses are requir For special cutting and shaping operations, several oth types of machines are available. For example, roundi over and threading equipment is needed for creel pos lifter rods require chamfering, and channel and angle c call for hacksaw machines of various types.

In addition to the preliminary steel cutting and mach ing that are performed here, there are many small pa which are made in this department. These include clearer wires, core rods, weight hooks and bolster pins.

When we think of the hundreds of steel items wh go into the manufacture of our textile machines, congratulate these men who, each day, keep a stea flow of steel moving into our numerous manufactur departments.

*Simon Bosma, foreman of the department, on the left, and his two assistants, Ralph Aspinwall and Jerry Lemire*

*Above: Boiling out tanks are used to remove grease and rust resistants which have been put on by the steel mills to protect stock in storage. George McCormick is shown performing the operation*




*Above: Material being loaded for shipment to the shop. Delivery can be made quickly and conveniently either on our standard or industrial narrow gage cars. Tow-motor operator is Donald Lamprey*

*Right: A part of the area assigned to the storage of sheet and strip steel. Shown here are two of the sizes necessary for the manufacture of roving and spinning Casablancas cradles. Coils are placed on pallets for convenient storage and handling. Shown in the foreground is Andrew Cupka; Peter Montville is the crane operator*

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## PEACE ON EARTH

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth;
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

—*Charles Wesley*

FRONT COVER: Stephen, David, and Alice Bonvouloir portray a typical American scene which will be taking place in many of our homes on the night before Christmas. Pete Bonvouloir, father of these fine looking children, is a machinist in the Blacksmith Shop.

# *Whitin Personality*

ROBERT S. WILSON, divisional superintendent, is in charge of the nine erectin floors which make cotton, rayon, woolen, worsted, and all types of syntheti machinery.

He was born in Paterson, N. J., on Christmas Day, 1892. At an early ag he moved with his parents to Belfast, Ireland, where his father became oversee in a flax mill. Bob was educated in the Belfast public schools, and later worke in two linen mills under his father's supervision. In 1910, his father returne to the United States and came to the Whitin Machine Works. In 1912, Bo also returned to this country and on May 12 started work in Whitin's. His firs job was on the Roving–Erecting Floor. He was only 24 years old when h first went on the road erecting machinery. At that time he was Whitin youngest erector. At this point he interrupted his career to serve with the 305t Infantry in France. At the close of World War I he returned to the Unite States, and three days after being discharged he was on the road again for th Whitin Machine Works. His business trips took him throughout this countr and Canada. In 1927, Bob worked with an engineer from England in developin the Whitin Worsted Spinning Frame. After learning various other phases o erecting work, he took over as supervisor of erecting wool frames. In 1932, h worked on the new model wool frame. When Whitin converted to war worl Bob was placed in complete charge of erecting General Electric turbines i addition to erecting wool frames. During the last year of World War II he wa also appointed foreman of the entire Spinning Floor, a position which he hel until November, 1946, when he was appointed divisional superintendent i charge of all erecting, the position which he now holds.

Bob likes to spend his leisure moments reading. However, he likes to rem nisce occasionally, especially about the Whitin Soccer Team which he captaine to a Massachusetts championship in 1912, '13 and '14. He is a charter memb of the Jeffrey L. Vail Post, American Legion, and during World War II serve on the "News from Home" Committee.

Bob is married, has two married stepdaughters, who are nurses, and thr grandchildren. He and Mrs. Wilson reside on Forest Street.

# Suggestion Awards

## Granted in the Months of August, September and October

### WINNERS

| Dept. | Name | Suggestion Number | Amount of Award |
|---|---|---|---|
| 499 | Francis Bibeau | 51–166 | $210.00 |
| 465 | Maurice Murray | 51–209 | 125.00 |

*Francis Bibeau, erector, was awarded $210 for suggesting a more convenient and economical method of tagging containers for shipment, as well as a new type of envelope which afforded better protection of packing slips. Francis is shown holding the new envelope in his right hand*

*Maurice Murray, Department 465, received $125 for suggesting that a small hole be drilled in a scissor blade part, thereby making it interchangeable*

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|---|---|---|---|
| 454 | Albert Belanger | 51–7 | $60.00 |
| 465 | Maurice Murray | 51–210 | 25.00 |
| 432 | Stephen Bezik | 51–203 | 15.00 |
| 424 | Hector Chase<br>Norman Stanley | 51–213 | 15.00 |
| 418 | Albert W. Raiche | 51–151 | 15.00 |
| 408 | Raymond Guertin | 51–167 | 10.00 |
| 422 | Evans J. Bedigian | 51–172 | 10.00 |
| 454 | Howard Atchison | 51–185 | 10.00 |
| 454 | Gilbert Baker | 50–220 | 10.00 |
| 412 | Napoleon Ledoux | 51–198 | 7.50 |
| 411 | John Hutnak | 51–199 | 7.50 |
| 465 | Albert E. Boileau | 51–75 | 7.50 |
| 421 | Henry F. Hall | 51–207 | 7.50 |

*The members of the Whitin Male Glee Club pose with Miss Susan Griska, soprano and guest artist; Alfred Lague, accompanist; and their director, C. Alexander Peloquin*

# *Whitin Community Association Features*

# Whitin Male Glee Club in Concer

SHORTLY after eight o'clock on Saturday evening, October 27, the house lights dimmed in the Whitin Gymnasium and the audible murmuring ceased as the Whitin Male Glee Club made its fourth appearance before th Whitinsville townsfolk and visiting guests.

The chorus opened the program by singing an excellen

*DOUBLE QUARTET AND SOLOISTS. Front left: G. Trowbridge Brown, Thomas Wallace, Joseph Hetherington, Jr., Robert L. Shaw. Back row: Arthur Marshall, Ralph Stinson, Sidney Buma, Forrest Noe and Earl Robbins. Samuel Magill was absent when photo was taken*

choral arrangement of the National Anthem, after which they sang five familiar American folksongs. The selections included "Dixie," in its original unadorned version; "Carry Me Home to the Lone Prairie," with Earl Robbins, soloist; "Little Innocent Lamb," a Negro spiritual; "Down in the Valley," a haunting Kentucky folksong; and a colorful arrangement of the Southern folksong, "Charlottown."

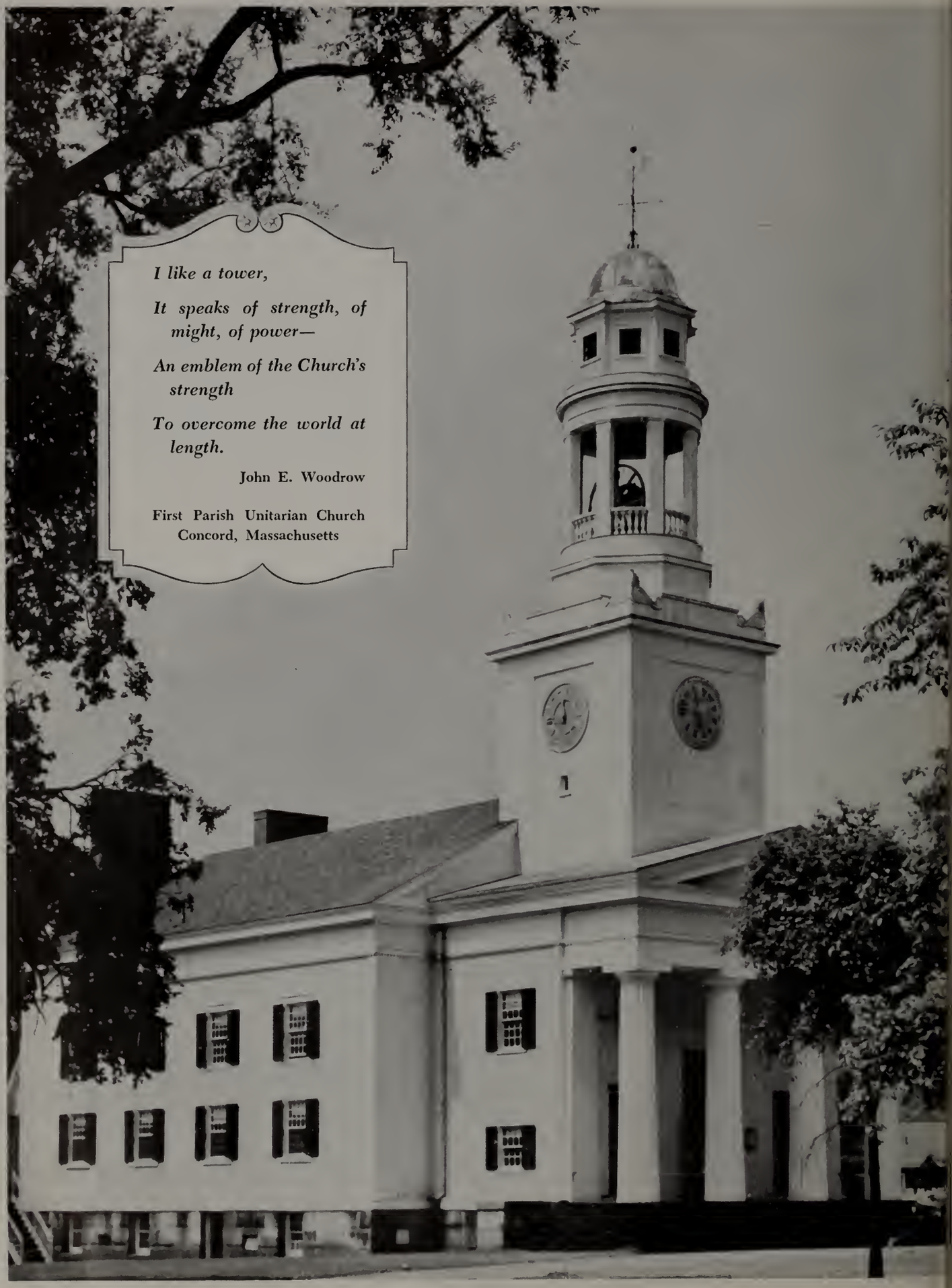
These selections were followed by "O Praise the Lord," by Ippolitov-Ivanov. This hymn, one of his favorite songs, was sung in memory of James Connor, a Glee Club member who was taken from his fellows recently by death.

The Glee Club then presented as its guest artist, a soprano, Miss Susan Griska of New York. Miss Griska, accompanied by Mr. Peloquin, sang four songs by European masters. One of the most impressive songs in this group was "Impatience" by Schubert. Miss Griska displayed great talent in singing these very difficult compositions. The Glee Club members then returned for their second group of selections—five songs from Broadway hits. Joseph Hetherington's voice was admirably suited for the part of Captain Hook in the "Pirate Song" from *Peter Pan*, by Leonard Bernstein. The audience admired the masterful way in which the chorus handled "Oh I Can't Sit Down" from *Porgy and Bess* by George Gershwin, and gave a fine reception to the encore, the ever-popular "I Love a Parade," featuring Forrest Noe, baritone. The chorus, upon finishing this last number before intermission, left us all in an appreciative and expectant mood. It wasn't long before the lights again were dimmed and Miss Griska made her final appearance to sing "There Shall Be More Joy," by Paul Nordoff; "Assurance" by Powell Weaver; and "Ouvre ton Coeur," by Georges Bizet. As an encore she sang, especially for the Glee Club members, "Love Is Where You Find It." Some who were unfamiliar with the selections regretted her choice of "lieder" and arias. Nevertheless, her fine voice and technique were well received by the appreciative audience.

It can be said, without a doubt, that the Glee Club was at its finest in the last four numbers of the program. Four entirely different moods were evoked with great skill and, as the members sang the very beautiful "Aria" by Handel; the rollicking "Donovans," based on an Irish folksong, by Alicia Needham; Sjoberg's "Visions," with its fine melodious qualities; and the masterpiece of the evening, "Russian Picnic," based on Russian folk tunes, by Harvey Enders, they showed everyone present what inspiration, determination and superb direction can accomplish.

To C. Alexander Peloquin, Alfred Lague, accompanist, Miss Griska, and each member of the Whitin Male Glee Club, we express our thanks for bringing us another evening of fine music and excellent entertainment.

*Pictured is part of the audience waiting for the concert to begin*



*I like a tower,*

*It speaks of strength, of might, of power—*

*An emblem of the Church's strength*

*To overcome the world at length.*

John E. Woodrow

First Parish Unitarian Church
Concord, Massachusetts

# Christmas Music in Our Churches

## Methodist Church

Rev. Delphas S. Barnett, *Pastor*

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude—"Two Christmas Folk Songs" . *Lithuanian Arrangement*
*Whitner*
"Noël in G" . . . . . *D'Aquin*
Anthem—"Shepherds' Christmas Song" . . *Reimann-Dickinson*
SENIOR CHOIR
Solo—"The Christ Child" . . . . . *Coombs*
MISS ELIZABETH McGILTON
Anthem—"Bethlehem" . . . . . *Goldsworthy*
COMBINED ALTAR, BALCONY AND SENIOR CHOIRS
Offertory—"A Christmas Pastorale" from the *Christmas Concerto*
*Valentini—Arrangement by Biggs*
Postlude—"Christmas Offertorium" . . . . . *Lemmens*

## St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Rev. James A. Deery, *Pastor*

MIDNIGHT MASS—DECEMBER 24, 12:00 p.m.

Before Mass—"Silent Night"
"Adeste Fideles"
"Holy Night"
Kyrie and Gloria from *Mass of the Good Shepherd*
Credo, Sanctus and Agnus Dei from *Mass of the Good Shepherd*
Offertory Hymn—"Adeste Fideles"
Recessional—"City of David"

This program will be presented by the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. George Gleason. The Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of the Sisters of the Presentation, will assist at the services.

## The Village Congregational Church

Rev. Leslie W. Chapman, *Pastor*

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 11:00 a.m.

Prelude—"From Heaven on High to Earth I Come" . . *Bach*
"Communion on a Noël" . . . . . *Huré*
Anthems—"Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light" . *Bach*
"The Virgin's Slumber Song" . . . . . *Reger*
TAKOUHI MANGASARIAN, SOPRANO
"Christmas Hymn" . . . . . *Jungst*
Postlude—"Fugue in D" . . . . . *Pachelbel*

DECEMBER 23—7:30 p.m.

"Christmas by Candlelight," *A Pageant*

Prelude—"Christmas Eve, 1914" . . . . . *Reger*
"Alsatian Noël"—"Sleep Well, Child of Heaven"
*Guilmant*
Carols—"O Little Town of Bethlehem" . . . . . *Redner*
"The Sleep of the Infant Jesus" . . . . *Gavaert*
"Gloria in Excelsis" . . . . . *Old English*
"We Three Kings" . . . . . *Hopkins*
"Silent Night" . . . . . *Gruber*
Postlude—"In Dulci Jubilo" . . . . . *Bach*

## United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Paul E. Carson, *Pastor*

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY—DECEMBER 23, 10:45 a.m.

Prelude—"Fantasia on Christmas Carols" . . . . . *Gray*
Call to Worship—"In Thee Is Gladness" . . . . . *Bach*
Anthem—"Praise Ye the Lord" from *Christmas Oratorio*
*Saint-Saëns*
Anthem—"Christmas Gloria" . . . . . *Gardner*
Offertory—"Star of Wonder—Star of Light" . . . *Hopkins*
Postlude—"Tidings of Joy" . . . . . *Bach*

DECEMBER 23, 7:00 p.m.

Prelude—"Song of the Shepherds" . . . . . *Hosmer*
French Carols by the Youth Choir:
"Touro-louro-louro"
"Now Is Born This Divine Christ-Child"
"Angels Now in Heaven Are Singing"
"Lay Down Your Staffs, O Shepherds"
"Sleep, Little Dove"
Offertory—"The Shepherds in the Field" . . . . *Malling*

CHRISTMAS EVE—DECEMBER 24, 10:45 p.m.

This program will be under the direction of the Young Married Couples' Bible Class.

## Christian Reformed Church

Rev. Nelson L. Veltman, *Pastor*

CHRISTMAS DAY—DECEMBER 25, 7:00 p.m.

The Truth of Christmas
"O Holy Night" . . . . . Trumpet Solo, Sidney Lafleur
"Voice of the Prophet" . . . . . Arthur Kroll
Scripture Reader . . . . . Sylvia Banning
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" . . . Sunday School Chorus
"No Room in the Inn" . . . . . Sunday School Chorus
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"
Sunday School Chorus
"The Angels Song" . . . . Primary Department Chorus
"Christmas Prayer" . . . . . Violin Solo, Melvin Bosma
"Star of the East" . . . . . Duet Vocal, Kathaleen Bosma
Shirley Burgess
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" . . . Sunday School Chorus

## Trinity Episcopal Church

Rev. Harold Taylor, *Pastor*

CHRISTMAS EVE—10:30 p.m.

Organ Prelude—"To Shepherds as They Watched by Night" *Bach*
"Come Now Saviour of the Gentiles" . *Buxtehude*
"Noël in G" . . . . . *D'Aquin*
"In Dulci Jubilo" . . . . . *Bach*
Processional Hymn—"Adeste Fideles"
Three-Fold Kyrie . . . . . *Merbecke*
Gloria Tibi . . . . . *George M. Garrett*
Sermon Hymn—"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" . *Mendelssohn*
Offertory Anthem—"And the Glory of the Lord" . . . *Handel*
Presentation—"Doxology" . . . . . *Louis Bourgeois*
Sanctus . . . . . *A. S. Cooper*
Communion Carols:
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" . . . . . *T. Est*
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" . . . . *Henry Smart*
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" . . . . . *Redner*
"We Three Kings of Orient Are" . . . *Hopkins*
Gloria in Excelsis . . . . . *Old Scottish*
Amen . . . . . *Stainer*
Recessional—"Christians, Awake" . . . . . *Wainwright*
Carol—"Silent Night, Holy Night" . . . . . *Franz Gruber*
SUNG BY CHOIR
Organ Postlude—"All Hail This Greatest Day of Days" . *Bach*

A & B. Bruce and Bonnie May are the children of Walter Jordan, Department 417

C. Thomas Lavallee was 18 months old when this picture was taken. His dad is "Chick" Lavallee of Department 422

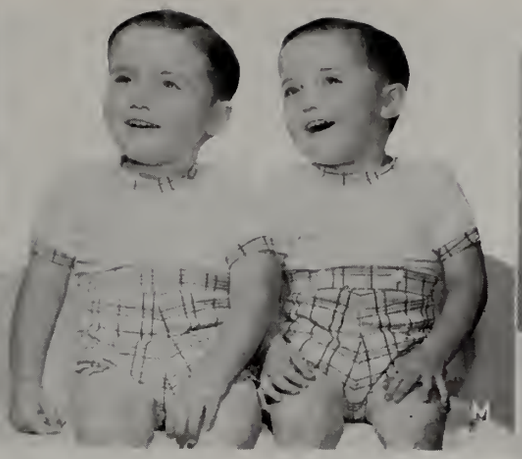
D. Posing in her dancing costume is Sandra Jean St. Andre. Her father is Edward St. Andre of Department 448C

# Little

E. Allen Taylor, age two and one-half, son of Vera and William Taylor of Production, and the grandson of Edward Nuttall, foreman of Department 452. F. Ronald Lejeune was two in October. His Dad is Roland Lejeune of the Drafting Room

J. Paula, age four, and Skippy, age t are the grandchildren of Fabian Corr Department 435. K. This sweet li miss is Donna Mary Ebbeling, daughte Henry Ebbeling of Stock Crib 5

G. Suzanne, Laura and Howard are the children of Edward Desjourdy of the Drafting Room
H. Mary Lou, age five, and Michael, age three and one-half, are the children of Stanley Witek of the Drafting Room
I. William, age one, and Robert, age two, are the sons of Robert Brodeur, inspector on the Milling Job



L. Kathleen Jane is the eight-month-old daughter of Frank Macuga of the Erecting Floor
M. Peter and Michael Souviney are the two and one-half-year-old twin grandsons of Harold Andrews, Department 411
N. Andrea C. Reneau, one-year-old daughter of Joseph C. Reneau of the Roll Job and granddaughter of Joseph J. Reneau of the Roll Job

# Folks

O. Nancy, age two, and Douglas, age four, the children of Dean McKinnon of Department 411
P. Smiling happily are Carol Ann and Linda Jane, daughters of Dave Longmuir of the Personnel Department
Q. These handsome boys are Stanley and Stephen Witkowski, sons of Stanley Witkowski of the Foundry
R. Alfred David, Jr., four months old, enjoyed having his picture taken. He is the son of Alfred Emond, Department 440

S. Robert and Ronald are the 17-month-old twins of Evald Johnson, Department 453
T. Happily awaiting Santa is Lucille Bertone, 16-month-old daughter of Mario Bertone of the Drafting Room
U. Paulette and Frankie are the handsome children of Benjamin Gryncewicz of the Engineering Department
V. Jack Thompson is the happy-go-lucky son of John Thompson of the Drafting Room

W. These happy children are Roger Lee, Jr., and Ethel Marie whose father is Roger Whittlesey of Department 411
X. Suzanne McMahon is 20 months old. Her father is Sam McMahon of the Ring Job

*Left: Safety supervisors from all departments were present at the banquet. Pictured above are Arthur Leavitt, John Ebbeling, Sidney Miedema, John Skeary, and Francis Magowan. Right: Safety is everybody's job. Shown above are a few of the women who were present. From the left: Eva Nutting, Maude Roche, Margaret McCudden, Virginia Hamlin, and Dorothy Hendry*

# Their Motto Is "Safety"

More than 300 members of the Whitin Safety Organization attended the annual safety banquet in the Cafeteria on October 31.

Promptly at 6:30 p.m., the guests seated themselves in the dining hall where they were served a delicious full-course chicken pie dinner.

At the close of the dinner, Mr. James C. Rankine, chairman of the Safety Committee, welcomed the safety personnel and congratulated them on their fine safety record.

Before continuing on the subject of safety, Mr. Rankine called upon Ray Davis, professional entertainer, to sing "God Bless America" and "Without a Song."

At the conclusion of the singing, Mr. Rankine gave a report on the results of the National Safety Council Contest held from July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951. Although Whitin finished in 16th place, he said he was pleased with the outcome of the contest for actually the Whitin Machine Works was only six full points behind the company that received the top award. Mr. Rankine also stated that according to statistics compiled by the United States Department of Labor concerning the safety records of machinery manufacturers, Whitin has the eighth best safety rating in the country.

*Mr. Melvin McCully of the Paige Foundation*

Mr. Bolton, in his address to the safety personnel, congratulated the members of the Safety Organization and asked for their continued support throughout the coming year. Mr. Bolton also described present conditions in the textile industry and stated that the textile machinery business is slowing down rapidly. However, he looked to the not-too-distant future when the Company will be able to devote much of its facilities to the defense effort.

Mr. Erik Pierson, works manager, discussed the physical and educational sides of safety, and Mr. John Cunningham, superintendent, in a brief address, stressed the importance of practicing safety at all times.

Mr. Melvin McCully, of the Paige Foundation, spoke of safety programs on a national basis and their importance in industry. He complimented the safety committee and all the supervisors on a safety job well done. "However," he said, "although we now have one of the finest safety records in the country, I am sure you will not let yourselves be lulled into a false sense of security. In the years which lie ahead, I am sure you will go on to even greater achievements."

After Mr. McCully's address, the "Wilnow Trio," recently from Denmark, amused the audience with comical and difficult acrobatic stunts.

Dr. Fitts, director of safety at the Winchester Arms Company, concluded the evening's program with an address on "Medicine and Industry." He related the great progress made in industrial safety in recent years and pronounced the American worker of today as enjoying the best working standards in the world.

# *Hobby—* Flying Arrows

We have an archery expert in the Company who probably would make even Robin Hood and his green-clad Merry Men envious. Inasmuch as our young Robin Hood helped to make the archery exhibit at the recent Whitin Spindle Hobby Show so popular, we felt that you would like to know just how Joseph Monfreda of the Roving Floor became interested in archery and how he enjoys it as a hobby.

About 11 years ago Joe worked with an Indian who operated a bow and arrow target booth at White City Park. From the Indian, he learned how to make bows and to fletch (put feathers on) arrows. When Joe left to enter the Marines he was given a bow made by his Indian friend and from that moment on, caught, what he calls, "bow and arrow fever."

Actually it wasn't until a few years ago that Joe started to make his own bows and arrows. In doing so, he remembered the good advice of his Indian friend and when he did make his first bow, he remembered that special woods such as osage, lemonwood, and yew wood made the best

*In this picture Joe is fletching an arrow. He is shown turning the arrow so that the feathers will pass evenly through the heated wire. Two completed arrows are shown in the foreground*

bows because of their flexibility and durability. He ordered these woods from a dealer in the West. Many technical steps were followed in shaping the bow, and after the wood had been shaped properly in the desired form, Joe completed it by applying the handle and attaching the string which was made up of 30 strands of No. 2 linen thread, thoroughly beeswaxed. After two weeks of spare-time work, Joe had a new bow and one that he could be proud of. Not too long after the bow was completed, Joe learned to make arrows. In making the arrows, he knew that it was necessary to have one end as light as the other, so that the arrow would not drop before reaching the target. Joe bought the wood for the arrows from a dealer and then applied the feathers and tips himself. For hunting arrows, he used turkey feathers because a larger feather causes the arrow to travel at a slower speed, which is desirable in hunting.

*Joe is shown holding two Japanese split bamboo bows. These bows differ from ours in design since the ends turn outward, whereas American bow-ends usually point inward*

For field or tournament archery he applied much smaller feathers so that his arrows would have maximum speed for scientific shooting. After the feathers and tips had been applied to the arrow, Joe fletched the arrow as shown in the picture by passing the feathers through a heated wire. While Joe was telling us about arrows, he also mentioned that an arrow doesn't reach its maximum speed until it is halfway to the target.

Just recently Joe was able to compare his bows with three split bamboo bows which were sent to him from Japan. These bows are unique because very few of them are used in this country, and because of the fine bending qualities of bamboo, Joe thinks that these new bows will have a longer life span.

Joe spends as much time as possible improving his target eye in the target gallery erected in the basement of his home. Although bow and arrow hunting isn't common in the surrounding area, there is a place in Maine where bow and arrow hunters are welcomed each year two weeks before opening season. Next year Joe plans to try his luck.

Joe likes his hobby because it provides exercise, skill, and interest. Furthermore his hobby is historic. Many tales have been told of the redman and his arrow and the archers of England. As long as the adventures of Robin Hood are unfolded, there will always be the archer.

# *A Christmas Message*

## from our Presiden

As an extremely eventful year closes, once more I wish to extend to a of you my best wishes for a joyful Christmas and a Happy and Peacef New Year. With war clouds continuing to threaten us, I know that yo all join me in my wish for a peaceful year.

A year ago we were operating at a very high level of production, wit very substantial orders on our books. Production now is leveling ou quite rapidly and we are finding it necessary to seek things, other tha textile machinery, to manufacture. Inasmuch as the international situ tion is so tense, it continues to be essential that our Armed Forces be bui up as rapidly as possible in order successfully to meet any possible aggre sive moves made against our country. All of this has resulted in an acu shortage of a great many critical materials which go into the man facture of our products.

While a year ago the textile industry was operating at full capacit we now find many mills either closed or on short time. This, of cours has resulted in fewer orders for the machinery that we manufactur Because of this, the National Production Authority in Washington ha declared our industry "deferrable," as you will have noted in my artic in the last issue of the SPINDLE. Therefore, even if we should recei textile machinery orders in increasing quantity, we are going to find extremely difficult, if not impossible, to get the necessary materials make textile machinery at anything approaching our 1951 level.

We have one substantial contract for the manufacture of some vital necessary machine tools for grinding jet engine blades. We are active seeking other contracts, not only for additional machine tools, but als for direct war matériel; so far with no outstanding success. We, natu rally, wish to keep all departments of the Shop operating to the fulle extent possible. This means that it is necessary for us to get orders fo equipment which we can manufacture and which will utilize all our facil ties, starting at the foundry, going through our various machining oper tions and erecting floors. Such work is not easy to find. We have ever hope and expectation, however, that contracts may be negotiated an that our operations will pick up before the middle of the year.

Your management has been accused in certain quarters of deliberately ıying off people because a new contract is about to be negotiated with the 'nited Steelworkers of America, CIO. I want to assure you that this ; absolutely untrue. If this were true, why did not the same thing hap- en last year? The contrary was true: we were actually hiring people 's rapidly as we could find them. It is good business in these days of xtremely high costs to keep our plant operating to the fullest possible xtent and it costs the Company good money to curtail operations; so, if nly for that reason, you can be sure that we will not lay off anyone nor perate short hours unless absolutely necessary.

In my annual message I always attempt to give you a review of opera- ıons and to forecast what we may expect in the future. There undoubt- dly are many specific questions that are not covered in this letter. If ou have any such questions about plant operations and of general in- erest to all of our employees, I would appreciate your dropping a note ı one of the suggestion boxes, either with or without your signature, nd I will make every effort to put together an article answering some of hese questions. I realize that I am "sticking my neck out," because certainly do not know all the answers, but I do want all of you to be s fully informed as possible in connection with matters of general in- erest to all.

Frankly, we do not expect 1952 to be as good a year as 1951. However, hope that we will be able to operate through the year on a fairly satis- ıctory basis with activity increasing as the year goes along; this in spite f the increasing number of obstacles that make our operations more and ıore difficult. I might add that these obstacles are particularly and espe- ially evident in Massachusetts under our present spendthrift administra- ıon. Let us hope that before the next year is over our Government, Vational and State, may be operating on a higher moral and more eco- omical plane than at the present time.

I am optimistic of the future, even though it is extremely hard to make ırecasts very far ahead. I feel confident that, no matter what happens, we continue to operate as a co-operative team, we here in Whitinsville an weather any and all storms ahead.

Sincerely,

J. Hugh Bolton

*President*

*More to be pitied than the unlearned person who can't appreciate intellectual conversation is the learned person who can't enjoy nonsense.*

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*I believe that if you think about disaster, you will get it. Brood about death and you hasten your demise. Think positively and masterfully, with confidence and faith, and life becomes more secure, more fraught with action, richer in achievement and experience.*

—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker

FATHER: "Now children, tell me who has been the most obedient during the last month and done everything mother asked him to do?"

CHILDREN (*in unison*): "You, Pop."

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"Do you wish to consult Woosung Poosung, the great Chinese mystic?"

"Aye, lad. Tell 'im his mother's here from Dublin."

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A worker caught his coat in a large revolving wheel and was whirled round and round until the foreman finally managed to switch off the machine. The worker dropped to the floor and the foreman rushed up to him. "Are you okay?" he screeched. "Say something. Speak to me!"

The victim looked up indignantly. "Why should I?" he asked. "I passed you six times and you were too busy to speak to me!"

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WAITER: "And how did you find your steak, sir?"

DINER: "Why, I just moved this little piece of fried potato, and there it was!"

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In telling a friend about a recently witnessed movie, Joe commented, "The girl came from behind some straw, and the hero from a pile of fruit, the villain rose from a haystack and hit the hero on the head."

"What kind of a movie was that?" asked the friend.

"That's the way it looked to me," replied Joe, "the lady in front wouldn't take her hat off."

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The beautiful gardens of a private estate were opened to the public, and everyone was enjoying the new arrangement except one old gardener. Driven to exasperation by the persistent questioning, the old man boiled over one day when, as he was planting some saplings, a hearty individual breezed along with: "Ah! What sort of trees are you planting there?"

The old gardener straightened up and shouted: "Wooden ones!"

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CANNIBAL KING: "What am I having for lunch?"

COOK: "Two old maids."

CANNIBAL: "Ugh! Left-overs again."

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DOCTOR: "Your husband must have rest and quiet. Here's a sleeping powder."

WIFE: "When do I give it to him?"

DOCTOR: "Don't give it to him. Take it yourself."

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"Now, Willie," coaxed mother, "be a good boy and say 'Ah-h-h' so the nasty doctor can get his finger out of your month."

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A returned naval officer was relating some of his hair-raising experiences aboard his torpedoed ship, and his elderly aunt was listening with great interest.

"Yes," he said, "I looked out into the ocean and there was the torpedo heading straight for us."

"Oh, dear," gasped the old lady. "I do so hope it was one of ours."

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A wealthy man, intent on matrimony, told his friend one day that he was 60 years old, and asked, "Wouldn't it be better if I told a young lady whom I'd like to marry that I'm only 50?"

"I'll be perfectly frank with you," his friend replied. "Your chances would be better if you'd tell her you were 75."

# Women's Page

## CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDING—RICH HOLIDAY TREAT

Rich, moist and spicy, plum pudding is a traditional part of the Christmas–New Year scene that comes to us from Merrie England. A delectable combination of sugar and spice, fruits and nuts, and enriched yeast-raised breadcrumbs, unmolded it is a dish pretty enough to set before the lucky king of any household.

### Plum Pudding

1½ cups currants
3 cups raisins
1 cup brown sugar
3 cups soft, enriched yeast-raised breadcrumbs
2 cups chopped suet
1½ teaspoons cinnamon
1½ teaspoons nutmeg
1 teaspoon allspice
½ teaspoon cloves
3-oz. can (⅓ cup) chopped citron
3-oz. can (⅓ cup) chopped candied pineapple
½ cup chopped nuts
6 eggs, beaten until light
1 cup grape juice

Put all ingredients into a very large bowl and mix until well blended. Pack into two well-greased pudding molds or two coffee cans, leaving about ¼-inch space at the top for expansion. Cover with a lid, waxed paper or aluminum foil. If you use waxed paper, use two layers and tie them on with string. Place molds on a rack in a large kettle. Fill kettle with enough boiling water to come halfway up the sides of the molds. Cover and bring water to boil. Turn down heat but keep water boiling from four to six hours, the longer the better. If necessary, add more boiling water to keep water at original halfway level. When done, remove mold from water and turn out on cake rack to cool. Pudding can be made two weeks before Christmas, cooled, then wrapped in aluminum foil until Christmas Day. It may be served cold, surrounded with hard sauce pressed through a pastry tube or hot with a lemon sauce. Reheat pudding by steaming it in the mold as you did in the beginning—about two hours.

*Your holiday feasts will be complete with this traditional and easy-to-make plum pudding*

## MAKE YOUR GIFT WRAPPINGS DISTINCTIVE

The right materials, plus imagination, spell success for even the most amateur of gift wrappers. Here are a few hints for wrapping your last-minute gift items. . . . Gay decorations can be attached to the package with tape by making a circle of the tape with the sticky side out and overlapping the tape's ends. To the outer side of the tape press bells, bows of ribbon, little figures or whatever your imagination or resources provide (in the upper left- and right-hand boxes). . . . Ribbon secured with tape need not be tied in knots or bows. . . . For a ribbon effect without the expense of ribbon, use plain and figured paper together (lower right-hand box).

*Here are a few wrapping hints for those last-minute gifts. Try them—they're very attractive, and fun to do*

## RECIPE FOR A WHITE CHRISTMAS

If the weatherman can't guarantee a white Christmas, use soapsuds to whip up your own snowfall. Then spread the mixture on the branches of the Yule tree and let it dry in lumps, like the real thing. Once the suds dry on the branches, they stick like glue and stay in place indefinitely. Apply the suds working from the top down to avoid dripping on branches already coated. Let dry, then spread on a second layer of suds in the same manner. For a sparkling, fresh-fallen effect, sprinkle some soap flakes over the second application as it dries. Use a rotary egg beater or electric mixer to whip up the suds. The mixing is best done in a pitcher or a deep, narrow bowl. A very minimum of water should be used before beating. Whip until the suds are "dry" and the consistency of thick cream.

## JUST ONE LAST REMINDER

Make your Christmas a safe one. Check electric wiring for worn spots and loose connections. If the tree needles near the lights start to turn brown, change the location of the lights. Never use lighted candles near your tree.

# KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

## SPINNING FLOOR, CARD ERECTING AND POLISHING JOB

*by Francis Horan*

How good is your memory? The Polishing Job is being moved, or will be moved when you read this, to make room for defense work. Without looking up official data, quite a bit of controversy among the older men was caused when I claimed that this department was moved to its present, or should I say last, location around 1911. To help things along, in 1915 Bartholomew McSheehy was foreman and John Kelliher his assistant. Mr. Kelliher eventually became foreman and Samuel Moss was appointed his assistant. In 1935 Michael Feen was appointed foreman and his assistant was Dave Picard. These gentlemen are still in charge and lots of thanks to them for their co-operation. They could settle the whole issue themselves but, like us, they say. how good is your memory?

It was nice to hear from Leo Leclaire, formerly of department 448 and whose dad is employed on 433. While on maneuvers, Leo met Pete Andonian. also a former member of the erecting crew. Pete is now a chief petty officer. first class. I hope that Pete sees this because the bowling instructions he got are badly needed right now and hope he can forward a little dope to the boys via Milford, Bellingham, and points south. . . . James Strachan recently completed 15 years with the company. . . . Due to an error, Arthur Alix was listed as a five-year man. This should have been 10 years. Sorry. . . . Armand St. Andre was dealt a stunning blow when fire destroyed four rooms of his house. We all hope that Armand and the Mrs. will make out okay on their rebuilding. . . . Harry Cornell attended the Army-U.S.C. game in New York last month. . . . Bill Leaver was guest at a stag party held for him at the Willow Club in honor of his marriage to Madeline Belval. . . . Here's a story that will beat stories thus far: Owen Tetreault of 448C claims in all seriousness that he and a friend caught a huge turtle and decapitated it. Four days later he heard his dog yipping from the shed. Running out, the turtle's head and snapper was holding onto the dog's nose and he had to pry the turtle's head off the dog. Top this!

I hope that all the help that has been around and made such a good team, will be back again when things adjust themselves.

*Mr. A. J. Engel, vice-president of Algemene Kunstzijde Unie N.V., Arnhem, Holland (third from the left) recently spent several days in Whitinsville. During his stay, Mr. Engel was shown through the factory and the new Research and Development building. We recently delivered a large number of nylon draw twisters and rayon tire cord twisters to Mr. Engel's mill. Pictured in front of the "RL" Tire Cord Uptwister with Mr. Engel are Dean A. Cabot, chief development engineer; Eugene M. Kennedy, assistant manager, Export Sales, and Albert O. Roy, assistant chief draftsman in charge of Research and Development on Synthetic Twisters*

. . . May your Christmas be a good one and may the New Year bring you luck.

## FOUNDRY

*by Robert Ferry*

James McCray was recently presented a 15-year pin. . . . Joe Benoit received his 10-year pin and Joe Carter, a five-year pin. Ray Meader made the presentations. . . . On November 3 Al Lemoine went hunting in the White Mountains and shot a spike-horn deer weighing 110 pounds. . . . Bill and Pat Guertin recently attended a game banquet at the home of their uncle in Connecticut. Among some of the dishes served was meat from a 22-pound coon. . . . We welcome back Armand Gagnon who has recovered from a foot fracture.

## BOLSTER JOB

*by Charles Kheboian*

This is your favorite reporter, Ledda Loppa, returning to this journalistic paradise after a long and estranged absence. With my undercover agents and extended underground activities this column will again attempt to keep you informed on the trials and tribulations of yourselves. No one at one time or other will be overlooked. . . . Historical News: The department's softball team pulled into ninth position at the wire in the 16-team Shop League. Not bad as a first-year team. Wait til next year. With a salary increase for the manager and the importation of some new men from the Sutton State Forest League the record, daily, that is, will be shattered. We will welcome any other recruits. Well we'll take first place in the Hot Stove League anyway. . . . Hurry back and Welcome back: A speedy recovery to our dentist, Henry Gervais; bouquets to Lena Bonner, Jeff Powers, Severin Hould, J. Dempsey, and D. Boulanger who have returned after their illnesses.

*Domestic Chit Chat:* The beaten look on Maurice Poulin's face was caused by his recent hunting trip. Of all things, he fell into a swamp. Adding insult to injury he hurried home to receive the much expected sympathy from his ever-loving wife. He was quickly disillusioned as his spouse literally chased him out of his "Home Sweet Home," with the mop she was using to wash the floors of his home. It is a good thing Maurice is a speed demon or he would have received an unexpected scrubbing and not in the bathtub as he expected. . . . Marie Krumbholz is often seen in the department proudly showing pictures of her new grandson.

Hop-scotching the Floor for Tid-Bits: Advertisement: One excellent pianist for all occasions—contact H. Monroe, night shift, 438. . . . Mr. Cochrane, our comic, has had his cellar flooded on numerous occasions due to the heavy rains. After pumping the water out four or five times he cracked, "If I don't watch out I'll wear out this darn water." . . . Politician: Joe Cerrule would like to have his name mentioned in the SPINDLE. . . . Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone!

*Rein Workman, a metal pattern maker for the past 37 years, retired last month after accumulating a total of 56 years in the employ of the Whitin Machine Works. On behalf of the members of the department, Mr. Harry Lees, divisional superintendent, presented Rein with a platform rocker. Mr. Ralph Lincoln, vice-president, congratulated Rein on his outstanding service record and wished him years of happiness in his retirement. Rein received his first week's wages from Mr. Lincoln, who was a paymaster at the time Rein entered the Shop in 1895. As a fitting climax to the occasion, Mrs. Workman received a bouquet of mixed flowers from the Metal Pattern makers*

## PURCHASE-INSPECTION, JOBBING AND DRILLING DEPARTMENTS

***by Frances Kenney***

The best of luck to Sidney Visbeck who left us to enter the Navy. . . . Our best wishes to William Bellville who has been transferred to the Roll Job. . . . During November, Sarah Der Sarkisian and Joe Fenner enjoyed birthdays. Merry Christmas, everyone.

*Chester Jones, second from the left, has worked on the Spindle Job for 24 years. He is shown playing cribbage with some of his friends during the noon hour*

## SPINDLE JOB

***by Ed Bates***

Personality: Chester Jones has worked on the Spindle Job since he started work with Whitins in 1927. His first work was putting oil deflectors on blades and has had miscellaneous work in the department ever since. His present work is rough straightening spindles. Chet recently purchased a home in Milford where he is living with his wife and three children. The picture shows Chet and his friends playing cribbage during noon hours in the Shop. . . . David Cooper was injured while shingling his garage roof on October 26. The staging on which he was standing broke, sending David and his brother to the ground. We hope that Dave will be back by the end of the month. . . . Edward Rosol, assistant foreman of the Spindle Job has just completed his new home on Highland Street.

Thomas Fitzpatrick started with Whitins in April, 1893, and retired on October 1, 1951 after 58 years of service. In his younger years he raced with his bicycle through North Uxbridge, Douglas, and back to Whitinsville, receiving cups and trophies for his wins. His work, until retiring, was truing in whorls on spindles. Tom says that he is feeling fine, and we certainly hope that he will be in to see us occasionally.

## PICKERS AND DRAWING DEPARTMENTS

***by Syd Miedema***

We wish a speedy recovery to Bill Sibley who has been ill for several weeks. . . . Mary Kostka was welcomed back after being out sick a month. . . . Our get-well wishes are sent to Christine Rajotte, stock clerk at 446. . . . We were sorry to see John Youngsma, Ken West, and Harnas Dion leave the Erecting Floor because of work shortage.

*Thomas Fitzpatrick, Spindle Job, retired in October after accumulating a total of 58 years in the Whitin Machine Works*

*David Anderson who has been in the Blacksmith Shop for 14 years is shown in the picture on the left, holding a Greek coin which dates back to the time of Caesar. This coin and those which are shown in the picture on the right were owned by Mr. Arthur Whitin who gave them to David in 1925. David had been a blacksmith and chauffeur for Mr. Whitin for several years. The coins are as follows: 1. Gordianus III, Pope, who died in 244 A.D. 2. Empress Faustina. 3. A Roman Galley. Reverse side, Roman Eagle between two military standards. 4. Silver Denarii of the Third Roman Legion under Marc Anthony. 5. Coin of Alexander the Great. 6. The early Greek coin held by Mr. Anderson*

**TOOL JOB**

***by George Jones***

*Personality of the Month:* Nina Iafolla was born and attended the schools in Medfield, Mass. In Medfield High he was a three-letter man—baseball, football and hockey. In his senior year, he had a batting average of .557, the highest batting average ever attained in the Tri-County League. Nina played ball two years in the Cape League before entering the Army. While in the Army he served in the 10th Mountain Division (Ski Troops) and trained at Camp Hale, Colo., before going to the mountains of Italy. In 1948 Nina came to Whitinsville to play baseball for the Whitin Machine Works. He worked in the shop all summer and liked the town so well that when the summer was over he continued working in the plant. While in the plant he repaired milk machines and adjusted the weighing scales, the job he still holds. He moved to Whitinsville in 1950 and lives on Haringa Avenue with his wife and son. Of course, baseball is Nina's favorite sport, but in the winter he looks for snow so that he can put on his skis, which he sent home from Germany. . . . Al Wahlman and Horace Bassett took in the first two days of bird hunting—Al got one cock pheasant. . . . Congratulations are in order for Walter Richardson. He returned to work after undergoing an operation at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital, to find a promotion waiting for him. Walter is now supervisor, governing the scraping of the Pratt & Whitney Blade Grinders. He was a repairman on the night shift.

The Tool Job Sick Benefit Club held their annual banquet on Saturday, November 3, at the Pythian Hall. A dinner of turkey and ham was catered by Mrs. Walker of Douglas and she did a grand job. Ted Lemieux stole the spotlight by coming in a half hour late and looking like something that just stepped out of *Esquire*. The officers of the club did a very good job in arranging the evening and the members of the club wish to extend their thanks through this column. . . . Pat Baker, the repairman, is on a six-months' leave of absence. . . . Leonard Bousquet is constantly singing "Time on My Hands" since he recently won a 17-jewel Benrus wrist watch. . . . Word has been received that John Gryzb, the handsome blond, who worked on the lathes until last February, is now in Korea. . . . Monday night, November 12, found two bowling teams of the tool job gathered at the Paragon Alleys in Woonsocket. The teams were made up of men from Whitins on one side and men from Woonsocket on the other. As the match was about to start, a P.A. system speaker blared out with a report like this: Particular attention will be focused on alley 8-9 where an all-star team from Whitinsville will bowl a team from Woonsocket. The men were announced as Dead-Eye Postma, Triple-Strike Al Morin, Two-Square Toosonian, One-Pin Bill Baker and Gutter-Ball Iafolla. The first match was on duck pins which found the Whitins boys on top by 113 ducks. The second match will be held in Whitinsville on candlepins. Incidentally Gutter-Ball Iafolla was top man of the Whitins boys with 312 ducks. The Woonsocket team consisted of Bob Mowry, George Neely, Mike Petrowicz, Tony DeCarlo, and Jerry Mandeville. Mike was high scorer with 322 ducks.

*Nina Iafolla, of the Tool Job, came to Whitinsville in 1948 to play baseball. He liked the town so well that he entered the employ of the Whitin Machine Works and now lives with his family on Haringa Avenue*

Introductions: We have two new lathe hands on the day shift—Adam Vrabel, tall, dark, and resembles Bob Cousey (Boston Celtics). Adam lives in Webster and was transferred from Department 446 (Drawing Job). He received his five-year pin on his 25th birthday, November 12. . . . Roy Webb is the red-haired pleasant looking

gentleman. He lives in Uxbridge, and has worked in the Whitin Machine Works nearly five years; he also came from the Drawing Job. . . . Rex Baxendale was transferred from the Gear Job to the Cutter-Grinding Room. Rex has worked in the Shop 11 years and his hobbies are photography and woodwork. He recently built a new house on Fairlawn Street. . . . The new man on the grinder is Francis Cody who was transferred from Department 427. His home is in Upton and he formerly worked at Peterson Tool Company in Milford.

## CUTTING-OFF AND STEEL FABRICATING DEPARTMENTS

*by Herbert Blakely*

The personality for this month is Ernest Lemire of the Cutting-Off Job. Ernie has been with Whitins for the last 11 years and was previously employed in the Linwood Mill now owned by Whitins. He is the set-up man on all machines in this department. Ernie is married and has one son, Robert, who is a student at Northbridge High. Ernest is a good carpenter and after his day's work in the Shop helps build homes. He just completed his own home and moved into it last month. Ernie is probably best known for his wrestling feats. About ten years ago, he met some of the finest competition in Worcester County. He is a rabid Red Sox fan, and like the rest of them, says, "Wait til next year!"

Chester Bonczek, foreman of Department 432, came back with a deer from Conway and all members of the department received free venison. Bob Mowrey and his gang weren't so fortunate at Conway. They spent all week end and came back with colds and a story that it was so cold that the coffee froze in the pot over the fire. Could be! . . . Emilio Taddie, the head of the Marshall Plan of 410 (feeding the boys), says food is going up so there will be a slight charge next month. . . . Anor Champany of Crib 26 made a week-end trip to Canada and since returning is taking a map-reading course at Clark University. From what she said, she really needs it.

Maurice Valais and Russ Holland are holding magic classes during the noon hours and from all reports are doing well. Maybe we'll get a sample at the Buffoon Club Christmas party. . . . Gene Closson of 26 Crib and Theresa Berthume are back to work after being bitten by the virus bug.

## ROLL JOB

*by Cesag Onanian*

The personality of the month is Bazil Konvent who came to this country from Poland at the age of 19 and settled in Whitinsville. He first worked in the Rockdale cotton mill for one year before he started in the Shop on the Paint Job. During slack times, he went to the Riverdale Paper Mills and after two years there he came back to the shop in May of 1915 to work on the Roll Job. He's been here ever since. During his 36 years on the job he's worked on a grinder, space filing, and roll straightening which is his present job. He was married here in Whitinsville in 1914 and has four sons and one daughter. One of his sons is on the job, another drives trucks for the garage, and his daughter works on the Spindle Job. His other two sons are married and one lives in Worcester, the other in Newton. All four of his sons were in the service during World War II and on several occasions he has donated pints of blood. His hobby is gardening. He has 51 blueberry plants and 10 cherry bushes near his home on Providence Road.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas who observed their 50th wedding anniversary recently. . . . Congratulations to Wilfred Rivard on receiving his 10-year pin, and to Albert Gauthier on receiving his five-year pin. . . . Birthday greetings go to Israel Ovoian, John Rutana, Theodore Strycharz, Phileas E. Remillard, Leo Turcotte, Raymond Boudreau, John Pare, Walter Therien, Albert Vanasse, Edward L'Heureux, Albert Gauthier, and Arthur Landry.

## MILLING JOB

*by Marie Ebbeling*

Congratulations and many happy returns of the day to Maurice Sylvestre, Frank Michalski, Oscar Peterson, Russell Palmer, Arel Noel, Stephen Bombara, Maxine Goyette, "Shorty" Lamoureux, Jules Moreau, Robert Wright, George Dawe, Loretta Bikes, Carol Arakelian, Ovide Rajotte, and Keith Prior.

The girls of the department had a real treat when Stella Kurowski brought in a nice birthday cake which she had made. . . . The following are out on leaves of absence and we hope to see them again with us soon: Joe Levasseu, Stanley Krous, William Perry, Ruth Conlee and Cecile Berry. . . . Ann Hoogendyk, Ralph Peckham, Theodore Fluery and our new bride, Mrs. Gladys Bangma, are back to work again after being out on leaves. . . . The Blue Caps received their softball jackets at the RAC Club on December 15. The colors are blue and gold.

## YARD AND OUTSIDE CREWS

*by Bill Scanlon*

Gordon Milkman started the hunting season off right by bagging some rabbits. . . . Pete Prymak got two pheasants on his first day out. (Incidentally, Pete is one of the best marksman I've ever seen.) . . . I hope that Erle Simmons' wrists get mended quickly. He was my helper in reporting the news items, prior to his unfortunate accident. . . . James Hagan, formerly a driver at the garage, is working at Chelsea Hospital and from all reports is doing very well. He was in to see us a short while ago and it was good to see him again. . . . Eddie Connors, the great bowling enthusiast, won't be seen around the alleys this season, much to the regret of his bowling pals. Eddie is devoting all of his spare time to fishing.

*Vernard Tracy with his 357-pound buck which he shot in Jonesboro, Maine*

*Arthur Ballou, Milling Job, and his son, Arthur, Jr., shot their limit of four deer while on a recent hunting trip in Nova Scotia*

*Joseph Ethier, Garage, made his annual hunting trip to Nova Scotia and brought back this proof of a successful trip*

*Hampar Panosian is this month's Annealing Room personality*

## BLACKSMITH SHOP AND ANNEALING ROOM

***by Claire Lapierre***

Hampar "Pauli" Panosian was born in Turkey and came to this country in 1910. He started to work in the shop in September, 1933, and has been in the Annealing Room for 18 years, where he does cyanide work on the second shift. "Pauli" is always seen smoking a cigar. Recently he purchased a home in New Village. His favorite pastime is playing cards and in the summer he enjoys working in the garden.

Vernard "Chief" Tracy of the Annealing Room recently went on a hunting trip in Jonesboro, Maine. An 11-point buck, weighing 357 pounds, was shot by "Chief," and is expected to bring him either first or second prize in the fish and game contest in Maine. The deer weighed 271 pounds after being dressed. He is a member of the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club. In the course of his trip, he had an opportunity to visit his hometown in Washington County.

*News notes:* We welcome back to the Blacksmith Shop, Herman Brewster who has returned to work after a two-month leave of absence. . . . Congratulations to Everett Bishop on receiving his five-year pin. Also, best wishes to Henry Berube, assistant foreman of the Blacksmith Shop, who celebrated his birthday on October 24. . . . We were sorry to hear about Raymond Benoit's accident. He fell from a ladder while taking decorations down in the Town Hall. He suffered a fractured wrist and cuts and bruises. Hurry and get well, Ray, we miss you.

## FLYER JOB AND ERECTING FLOOR

***by Dan Gonlag***

Bill Hayes and Arthur Defoe are still convalescing. We hope that they will be back soon. . . . Frank Lewandowski has formed his own orchestra, called the 11-Dowska Orchestra. Frank and his brother, Stanley, are the leaders of this outfit. It is an eight-piece orchestra and they have already played in Worcester, Boston, and in the surrounding towns. Frank hails from a musical family—his two brothers and sisters are all musicians.

We are glad to have Lawrence Perkins back after his recent operation. . . . Goodbyes were said to Roger Charrette, Ed McCabe, Russell Sweeney, Dick O'Rourke, Bob Sanger, Charlie Kuipers, Margaret Nelson, Ernie Vandal, Bob Benoit, Joe DeSantes, Ed Rattie, John Stefancyk, George Carpenter, Arnold Pickering and Joseph Hesketh. Those coming to us are Joseph Monfreda of the Winder Job and Inez Adams, our new stock clerk.

*News from the Flyer Job:* Raymond Barrie, Joe Berkowicz, Thomas Douville are on the sick list. . . . Dean Perkins went hunting for a week in Maine. . . . Raymond Schotanus spent a recent week end in Paterson, N. J. . . . James Whelan is our new planner on the Job. We hope that his stay will be a long one. . . . John Malley recently bought three beagle hounds. After three weeks of hunting, the only thing John has been able to shoot was a crow. Latest reports are that John wants to swap his hounds for a bird dog. . . . I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas.

*Mrs. Josephine Ratty, mother of Joseph Ratty of Department 419, on her 82nd birthday agrees that life begins at 80*

## WINDER JOB

***by Mossy Murray***

"Buster" Caswell, assistant foreman, had his mind on southern fried chicken the other night as he left the shop headed for home. He got on what he thought was his bus and sat back to relax and enjoy his ride to Douglas. The bus got as far as New Village and everyone headed for the door except Buster. A good fellow, noticing the lone figure on the bus informed him of his plight. This was the end of the line for the local so Buster had to get off. He was offered overnight lodging on Overlook Street, but luckily the East Douglas bus came along—evidently looking for Buster who gave out with a smile of relief as he hopped aboard . . . this time headed for home!

"Auld Lang Syne" seems to be the popular song of the week of late. Department 449 has transferred a total of 31 people during the past month. Some of the transfers have been Nancy Small, Leo Ethier, John Meagher, Sooey DeGaetano, and Joe Monfreda.

The Winder Bowling Team really had a bad time of it during their last match. The pins must have been sleeping all day as they refused to lay down that night. Four of us were fighting for anything better than six boxes while Sooey was sparing his way to a neat 300 plus. The outcome was a loss of three points. Our record to date is 21 won and 19 lost which puts us in a ninth place tie in this 16-team league. . . . A speedy recovery is wished for Oscar Ampangoonian who is a victim of pneumonia.

## AUTOMATIC SCREW JOB

***by Connie Campo***

*Personality of the Month:* Patrick McCudden was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He is a veteran of the first World War and served in the Scotch Highlanders in France and Germany. He came to Whitinsville in 1926 and started working in Department 411 two weeks after arriving here. He is now a set-up man on the turret lathes. Pat was captain of the Whitin Machine Works soccer team for two seasons soon after he arrived here. He was also the boxing manager and trainer of William T. Steele now divisional superintendent. Pat was vice-president of the one-time Jolly Rovers. His hobby is attending sporting events—especially boxing, football, and basketball. He also likes to putter around his home, and when not attending sporting events, you will always find him there. Pat is married and his wife, Margaret, works as an inspector in Department 417. They have one daughter, Betty, and two grandchildren. . . . Norman Lightbown spent a recent week end in New York where he attended the Army–Southern California football game. . . . Bill Mayberry and Aime Dion spent a week deer hunting in Maine. They saw plenty of them but didn't get any. Bill shot a snowshoe rabbit and then forgot to bring it home with him. . . . Lois Heerdt is now the proud owner of a 1951 Chevrolet. . . . We are sorry to see so many men leaving our department and hope that they will be back with us soon.

*Pat McCudden, Department 411, at one time was the boxing manager and trainer of William Steele, one of our divisional superintendents*

## RING JOB

*by Flossie Hayward and Joe Witek*

We've had a lot of changes in personnel. Those leaving us were Ed Rucki, Maurice Blais, Victor Lussier, Roland Roy, Marcel Morin, Alfred Choiniere, Allen Dykstra, Carol McCrea, Madelyn Libby. Coming to us are Emma Philbrook, Louis DeGaetano, Bill Gjeltema, Frank Holdsworth, Charles Johnson, Dorothy Seagraves, Eugene Arel, and Joe Nedoroscik. We welcome the new and wish luck to those leaving us. . . . It's good to see Clint Babson and Arline Burns back from their long illnesses. . . Grace Griffin spent the week end of October 19 motor-touring through Vermont, and up to Montreal, Canada.

Our personality of the month is Stella Damarjian. She was born in Lynn and has lived in Chelsea, Whitinsville, Woonsocket, Somerville, and now resides at 430 Church Street here in town. She has been with the Shop for 15 years, starting as an inspector on the Roll Job, then to the Spindle Job, and two years ago, came to our department as a pinner on Cast Iron Holders. In 1923 she married Harry Damarjian of Woonsocket. She has three children: Harry, formerly of the Big Planer Job; Alice, formerly of Masterlist; and Margaret of the Spindle Job. Harry and Alice are married. Stella's hobbies are crocheting and watching television and she delights in her granddaughter, Sandra, who is two and one half years old.

Continuing our hobby list we have Roland Dionne who plays the drums for the "Rhythmaires" and for the Rockdale Drum and Bugle Corps. He started his hobby by playing in the Northbridge School band. He also likes art which he took up in high school. Anniebella Lemay enjoys collecting records, especially first editions of all types of music. "The Mikado" is one of her favorites; also some collector's issues of Caruso. She likes to knit and to collect old glassware. Anyone calling on Anniebella Lemay for Television repairs wouldn't be far wrong after the expert way she repaired her own. Exasperated at being without a picture for a few days, she decided to take matters into her own hands. After a few minor shocks she had it working as well as it ever did. . . . Dorothy Stienstra's hobby is knitting.

*Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jorritsma and son Kenneth, spent the last two weeks of November in Jackson, Ala., Mrs. Jorritsma's home town. Martin is employed on the Tool Job*

## CHUCK JOBS

*by Dot Antoian*

*Personality:* Sies Schat, foreman of Department 418, was born and educated in Holland. He came to this country in April, 1905. His first job was working in the Yard, and in 1906 he came to the Chuck Job where he worked for Mr. Metcalfe. In 1907 work was brought in from Potter & Johnston, and Hamilton Walker was named foreman over that section of the department. Upon Mr. Walker's death in 1919, Mr. Schat was appointed foreman and Harvey Deslauriers his assistant, which is the way it remains today. Mr. Schat's favorite pastimes are reading and smoking (pipe preferred). He is married to the former Hinka Nydam, and resides at 56 Cottage Street.

Len and Mrs. Hinchclife drove their daughter Ruth to Springfield on November 7, the day she was sworn into the Waves. Ruth is now stationed at Bainbridge, Md., and judging from her letters, nautical life agrees with her.

November marked the 17th year Rusty Malkasian has been with the Company.

*Roy brothers meet in Korea. Knowing they were stationed in the same area, the brothers located each other and spent a five-day furlough together. Remi, on the left, worked in Department 429, and Gerard is from Department 445*

. . . Len Hinchclife was presented his 20-year pin by Mr. F. O. Rizer and Mr. John Cunningham. . . . It's certainly good to see Leroy Clarke back on the job again. Roy underwent an operation at St. Vincent's Hospital, but is now fully recuperated. However, Joe Chabot, who broke his hand, is still out, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

With such good bowlers as Fran Snay, Eugene Boisvert, Norman "Speedball" Spratt and a few others around, why isn't this department represented in the Shop Bowling League? What say, fellas, get organized and enter the competition next season, huh?

"Cowboy" St. Andre is at it again. On Halloween his grandchild teased "Gramps" to take him out for "trick or treat." So, Sam dressed the little lad in a costume and mask, and topped it off with the traditional paper bag for the treats. That's all okay, but, I heard Sam was dressed as a cowboy, and, not to be outdone, was carrying a large shopping bag for his loot!

*Mary West, Ring Job, is pictured on her recent vacation in St. Augustine, Fla. With her are Mrs. Virginia West Richardson, formerly of the Ring Job office, and her daughter. They are shown at Castillo de San Marcos, oldest masonry fort in the country*

Ray Seagrave recently returned from a two weeks' cruise to Cuba with the Naval Reserve. He spent three days in Havana and was awed at the splendor of the capitol building which took 5,000 men four years to build.

Called to my attention: Arthur Handfield is performing his annual chore of cleaning turkeys for Mr. Frieswyk. . . . Mike Courtemanche missed his annual hunting trip to Maine, but was presented some venison by his friend, Vernan D. Tracy. . . . Byron Heywood hasn't had any success hunting squirrels this year. . . . Cecil and Mrs. Small recently took a trip to New York and visited the Howe Caverns, Hyde Park, and West Point. . . . Della Jones is our new blueprint girl, replacing Henrietta Hoogendyke who did not escape the lay off. Della is not only an all-star softball player, but also an outstanding basketball player. . . . Other changes in personnel include: John Goggins, Fred Christy, and Kon Derewianczenko from 418 to 454; John Kearns from 418 to 417 Inspection; Ray Laluniere is the new inspector at 418; Dana Swassey and Walter Jordan from 417 to 416; Eugene Arel from 417 to 437; Bob Pariseau and Steve Lipka were laid off; and Noe Tousignant and Raymond Denault are now working at Georgiaville, R. I.

"Bucky" Buchman spent several days in Virginia recently and upon his return made this remark in his best southern drawl—"Northern girls know how to knit sweaters, but the southern girls sure know how to wear them."

I want to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the New Year bring peace, prosperity, good health, and happiness to you all.

*Eileen Britt, first lieutenant in the WAAF, is stationed at Mitchell Field, New York. She is the daughter of Pat Britt of the Box Job*

*Pfc. Arthur Langelier ready for guard duty at Camp Haugen, Japan. Arthur is from our Repair Shipping Department*

*Members of the Grinder Job and their friends enjoying an evening at Bolero Inn, Woonsocket*

## SHEET METAL, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS

*by Harold Ingham*

Our personality of the month is Walter Departie. Wally is well known for his camera work and often takes pictures of weddings or parties. Wally was born in Linwood and went to school here. In 1939 he came to the Whitin Machine Works and still works for 453A. He is married to the former Yvonne Hanfield and they make their home in Linwood. Besides photography he enjoys scroll woodwork as a hobby. . . . The Tin Shop held their Christmas party at Vermette's in Woonsocket and the Paint Job held theirs at the Embassy in Woonsocket. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone, and let's resolve to support this column with more news, starting with our 1952 issue.

## GRINDER JOB

*by Virginia Burke*

Our bowling team got off to a flying start, but has slowed down. We hope they will soon be as good as ever. . . . Congratulations were extended to Dave and Mrs. Blakely, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on November 8, and to Walter and Mrs. Solina, who celebrated their sixth anniversary on the 7th of November. . . . Birthday greetings to Charlie Barney on November 3 and Walter Solina on November 22.

Five-year pins were presented to Albert Morin and William LeBlanc. Mabelle Coleman received a 15-year pin from Mr. William Steele. . . . We were all pleased to see Elmer Pickering back on the job after several weeks' illness.

Herman Picard, one of our 25-year men, came to the Shop in November 1926. He has spent most of that time operating a Norton grinder. At present he is a group leader on the grinders. He lives in Woonsocket with his son, but is very busy building himself a small cottage by Lake Hiawatha. Before coming to the Whitin Machine Works, he worked at the Westinghouse Electric Company, Springfield. Herman's hobby is woodworking.

Our night men or nighthawks, enjoyed a very pleasant evening on November 3 at the Bolero Club in Woonsocket. Among the guests were the wives and lady friends. After the dinner, which ended with the singing of "Happy Birthday" and the cutting of a cake by one of the women present, an entertainment followed. Dancing climaxed the evening's activities. It has been voted to have more of these happy evenings and more pictures of the event.

## FREIGHT HOUSE

*by Harold Libby*

Our congratulations to Leopold LaFlamme, Emile Poulliott, and Rene Morrisette on receiving 15-year service pins and to Harvey Boulay and Camille Roy on receiving five-year pins. . . . We welcome Norman Fla-

*Walter Departie's hobby is photography. Here we see him printing pictures in his darkroom*

*Members of the Sales Department presented Dick Rawlinson with this golf bag and a set of golf balls on the eve of his transfer to the Repair-Sales Department. Murray Keeler looks on while Dick admires his gift*

*A group of girls from Department 453 who attended the Claire DeOrsay pre-nuptial party at the Abner Wheeler*

mand to the Repair Shipping Office. . . . Ray Forsythe has moved into his new home in Grafton. . . . The Freight House Christmas party this year included all sections of the department. The party was held at the Webster-Dudley Country Club on December 13. Those who helped to make the party a great success were Joe White, Joe Connors, James Rice and Mrs. Rita Turcotte.

### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

*by Aileen Blakely*

While taking inventory at the Outside Paint Shop cellar, Bob Parker and Marc Patterson were hard at work counting stock when Marc felt something rub against the leg of his trousers. Thinking it was a cat, he reached down to pat it when much to his surprise discovered that it was a big rat. It startled him so that he dashed to the end of the cellar and Bob in the meantime had jumped into the nearest barrel. . . . We welcome Gerry Lamontagne to the Maintenance Department after his recent discharge from the Army. He once worked for Charlie Commons and was also stockkeeper at the Tin Warehouse. He is now working at the Outside Paint Shop Office.

### GEAR JOB

*by Agnes Spratt*

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Winchell celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on September 25. . . . Members who celebrated birthdays last month were George Holt, Donald King, and George Guertin. Birthday greetings this month go to Alex Jongsma, George Randall, Raymond Wood, and Aime Brochu. . . . We bid farewell to Della Jones who left the department to take up her new duties as stock clerk on Department 429 and to Rex Baxendale who is now at the Tool Job. . . . We hope that our new members, Albert Desmarais and George Pelletier, enjoy their stay with us. . . . Aime Brochu recently spent an enjoyable week end in New York attending the Army–Southern California football game and the musical, "South Pacific."

Congratulations are in order for Roland Lambert who received his five-year pin. . . . The first quarter of our bowling meets are over and the champs so far are the Old Timers (Francis Perry, Rex Baxendale, Alex Jongsma, James Spratt, and Robert Ebbeling). High single, George Guertin—128; high three is 323. . . . On Tuesday, November 6, James Allen and Russell Chase had a bowling match with Bernard Howard and Francis Perry. I guess we all know who won the bowling match. Perry is sporting around with a new pair of bowling shoes and by 107 pins! . . . Raymond Curtis went hunting with Henry Cardin and Leonard Malboeuf and was lost for 11 hours before he came across another hunting party and got directions back to camp. As it was, Raymond was headed in a direction that would have required 90 miles of traveling before reaching civilization.

## HENRY GOES HOME

After being away from his native land for 50 years, Henry Ebbeling of the Erecting Floor recently made a return trip to Holland. While there he traveled through all the provinces and even sailed on the Seven Lakes of Friesland at the invitation of a friend who owned a luxurious yacht.

Henry exclaimed that it was a wonderful feeling to visit his old town, especially when he visited the kindergarten and found his name in the school records. The chair which he occupied in the classroom back in 1888 was still there, too! While in a restaurant at Amsterdam, Henry was quite pleased when he was invited to sit in the chair once occupied by Winston Churchill. A portrait of Prime Minister Churchill was on a wall near by. Henry and his two companions dined elegantly in this restaurant and when it came time to pay the check, $24.50 was due, but actually, in American dollars, the dinner for three amounted to only $6.00!

While in Holland, Henry took the liberty of visiting several mills in eastern Holland near the German border, and while there, attended a textile exhibition. Henry also had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Timmers who had visited our Company a short while ago; Frits Engel, who has many friends in Whitinsville; and Mr. Von Gestel, who set up machinery with Bob Ferguson. Henry also saw Whitin machinery in operation in the various mills.

Pictured at the top is Henry's home town of Bolsward. Bottom: In the background is Henry (second from left) with Mr. Von Gestel (first on left) and friends.

*A party was held for Clare McDonald of the Works Accounting Division on November 8, at the Colonial Club, in honor of her marriage to Joseph Briand of Fisherville on Thanksgiving Day. Members of the Drafting Room, Masterlist Departmen and Works Accounting Division attended. Beatrice Rymesh presented Clare with the gift, a George Washington bedsprea*

## BOX JOB

*by Bernice Taylor*

Winter is here now in full blast and mittens, scarfs, and heavy coats are being put to use once more. It's nice to live in New England where all types of weather can be "enjoyed" —but in my opinion the less winter the better. However, the two new radiators in our office are a big help. . . . Bill Murphy has been out sick with sinus trouble for two weeks. It's nice to see him back again working on boxes right outside of the office. It's also nice to have our daily donation of corn muffins again. . . . Carl Larsson and Foreman Al Blanchette were sworn in as members of the auxiliary police of the town of Northbridge. Congratulations to you both. . . . For our personality of the month we have chosen William Greenwood. Bill was born in North Uxbridge on September 15, 1910. He was married to Jeannette Chapdelaine in 1934. Bill came to work in Whitins in 1936 and started in on the Box Job—he has been here ever since. For a hobby, he has built a workshop over his garage and in his spare time has made many toys for his three sons. As a sideline he repairs shoes and even cuts hair. Bill is a quiet unassuming fellow—a steady worker and always pleasant. We hope he will be with us for a long time to come. And so, from all of us on the Box Job, to everyone—Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## RESEARCH DIVISION

*by John A. Rose*

*Personality of the Month:* John S. Dudley, comber designer, was born in Douglas. He received his education at Douglas High, Worcester Boy's Trade, R. I. School of Design, Worcester Tech and Mount Hermon in Northfield, Mass.

On March 5, 1934, John entered the Whitin Machine Works, and started in Department 416 under Andy Baird. He was later transferred to 415 and 494 and in 1947 he was transferred to the Research Division, and worked for Carl Brandt of Department 464C.

He is married and has two boys and one girl, Walter, Robert, and Meredith.

John and his family reside in their own home on Main Street in Douglas. John's favorite pastime is fishing, and of course he has the required "fish stories" on hand at all times.

Most of our people have interesting hobbies, but, the most popular seems to be photography. Included in this group are John Magill, Ed Perry, Howard Kuehn, and Ken Stanley. Each seems to think he has the best shots from the most interesting places. I hope we can have a get-together real soon and settle this intricate dispute.

We hear that our bowling league has changed alleys. It's rather a good thing, as the captain of the Evil Weevils was thinking quite seriously about putting "blinders" o two of his men because they were often di tracted by the women bowlers in the alley next to them. We'll wait to see if they ca use this for an excuse now.

*John Dudley has been with the company since 1934 and is the Research Division's personality of the month*

We want Malcolm Landry to know that w miss him and hope he is feeling better an will be back soon. . . . We hear th Chick Blakely is getting around pretty we now after his operation. He'll probably com back dancing a jig.

Happy birthday greetings to H. Kuehn R. Newton, W. McFarland, P. Thibeault and W. Campbell. Congratulations on thei wedding anniversaries were received b Mr. and Mrs. H. Kuehn, Mr. and Mrs. E Perry, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cabana, Mr. an Mrs. C. Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pendleton Mr. and Mrs. J. Hapworth, Mr. and Mrs. J Kostka, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Boyko.

## MASTERLIST DEPARTMENT

*by R. W. Yeo*

*Personality of the Month:* Joe Roche, hi wife, Anne, and their two children, Caro and Kathleen, live on Manchaug Road i East Douglas. Joe has worked for Whitin for 22 years. His first job was time clerk for the Box Shop in 1929, then to the Combe Job, Gear Job and Polishing Job, until 1933 when he went to work on the Milling Jo as a machine operator. In 1938 Joe became a set-up man on Milling Machines and re mained in that capacity until 1946 when h was appointed a supervisor in charge of Rol Stands and Back Bars. In November, 1950 Joe came to the Masterlist Department Joe's present position is that of repair orde analyst and he handles all orders pertaining to Cotton and Woolen Cards, Wool Spinning Dresser Reels—and especially Roll Stands Back Bars and Rings. Joe's outside interests are varied. He has a garden every year and

has been active in sports, basketball, and softball. Joe also is a member of the auxiliary police in Douglas, a past president of the Icthus Club of East Douglas and a former reporter for the WHITIN SPINDLE. . . . Wedding anniversaries were celebrated in November by Joe and Anne Roche, Roland and Dorothy Boutiette, Ren and Arlene Yeo. . . . Birthday greetings to Patty White, Lena Hobart and Edward Morse.

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

*by Peggy Deome*

It's good to have Cathy Reeves with us again after a several weeks' illness. . . . Albert Laucis spent a few days of his vacation hunting in New Hampshire. Nothing was caught but he still enjoyed a nice vacation. Shirley Lightbown and two friends recently returned from an enjoyable vacation in Bermuda and Nassau. Jacob Kooistra and wife took a trip to New York state and also through the White Mountains. One vacation which was missed in September was that of Henry Rivet and his wife. They spent their week at a beach. . . . Did you ever have tackled duck for dinner? Stanley Witek and his family did. Stan went hunting and heard a noise in a clump of bushes. When he looked closer, he discovered a wounded duck. The duck, upon seeing Stan, started to run, but Stan made a flying tackle and the Witeks had an enjoyable duck dinner. . . . The personality of the month is James Arsenault. Jim was born on September 28, 1926, in Whitinsville. He has one married sister. Jim attended the public schools of Northbridge and graduated from Northbridge High School in 1943. Just recently he completed a night course in engineering at Worcester Junior College. Before entering the service, Jim worked on the Magneto Job after school hours. During World War II, he served in the Navy with the rank of SpG 3/c and was in the Navy two years and four months. He has been in the Engineering Department about a year. His hobbies are boating and dancing, but he also has a liking for very hot peppers and spicy Italian foods. He now lives in Uxbridge. . . . Before closing, Merry Christmas, everyone, and to the members of the Engineering Department, let's contribute more newsy items with the start of the new year.

*In front of the freight house door, during a heavy rain, Oliver Benoit, Department 424, decided to swim to the sidewalk*

## COST DEPARTMENT

*by Helen Sitnik and Mary Gibbons*

Members of the department who served on the Christmas Party Committee were Paul Drolet, Cleveland Reynolds, Louise Wade, Helen Sitnik and Mary Gibbons. . . . Armand Plouffe served for two weeks on jury duty in Providence recently. . . . Lillian Kollet, Cleveland Reynolds and Jim Shaw have birthdays this month.

*Joe Roche is a repair order analyst in the Masterlist Department*

## METHODS DEPARTMENT

*by Jean Cunningham*

The department has rolled out the welcome mat to Norman R. Hampson, process engineer from Thompson Products, Cleveland, Ohio. Norman is now living in North Smithfield. . . . It's good to see Lou Chapman back on the job again after a short illness. . . . A little news about me—I'm now settled in my new home on Cottage Street. . . . Johnny Walsh bought a new Chevvie, but he couldn't use it. It arrived on a Friday, but all that he could do was to walk down to the dealer's on Saturday night and admire it through the window, since the transfer of his plates couldn't be made until Monday morning. I bet he didn't like to be on the outside looking in, on that deal. . . . Bob Bosma is having a wonderful time stepping around during his dancing lessons. Before long he'll be the authority on the latest steps. . . . Last month birthdays were observed by Don Hamblett, Bette Kollett, and Edward Mandeville. Santa's friends who are observing important dates this month are Dave Gray, Ralph Kinder, and Henry Pariseau.

## REPAIR SALES DEPARTMENT

*by Joyce Rondeau and Charles Polucha*

Mr. Sydney Mason, secretary of the Whitin Machine Works was recently presented with a desk clock from the members of the Repair Sales Department. He has transferred his office to the Sales Floor. . . . Esther Albin, of our Fayscott section of the department, left to take up her new duties as secretary in the Foreign Sales Department. We shall sincerely miss Esther in our department. . . . Regina Kooistra waltzed in the other morning wearing two nicely polished shoes; one a bright red and the other a dark brown. We all have trouble getting our eyes open in the morning. . . . Joyce Rondeau was leading a motorcade to the 1812 House the other night 'cause she was the only one who knew the way. That backyard that you ended up in didn't look much like the 1812 House to the rest of the girls, did it Joyce?

Ann Haringa came back from Bermuda sporting a nice dark tan. . . . Bob Meader had the misfortune of getting some bad burns on his face when the radiator in his car boiled over. We all wish a rapid return to our fold, Bob.

## WAGE STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

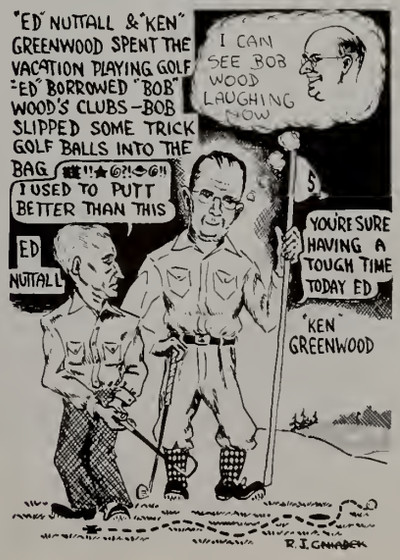
*by Giggie Fettuccia*

Congratulations to Al Sheldon and Ed Leclair upon receiving their five-year service pins. . . . Birthday greetings were recently extended to Robert Doyle, Dave Hayward, William McMahon, Marcel Monier, Cort Porter, Al Rothemitch and Wayne Stinson. . . . The welcome mat is extended to Chester Inman of Upton who has joined our Company. . . . We recently lost Ed Ahlstrom who left us to accept a new position.

## PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

*by Tad Wallace and Dorsey Devlin*

When two reporters write a column, it sometimes becomes necessary for one to keep the other out of his confidence in writing the news. Because of this, I am reporting that Dorsey Devlin's wife is hoping that the Holy Cross-Boston College football game will be televised this year. You remember



*Residents of Whitinsville and surrounding communities donated 137 pints of blood on October 23 in response to the recent appeal from the American Red Cross. More than 300 donations were made this year in two drives. Mrs. Woodie Delibero is shown having her blood pressure taken by Nurse Marjorie Ramacorti*

that last year Dorsey suffered a broken ankle while participating in "after-game ceremonies" (tearing down the goal posts). Dorsey has seen many H.C.-B.C. games and he's likely to keep his record intact but I'll bet that he'll experience double trouble this year if the game is not on television—first, he'll have a rough job convincing Mrs. D. and secondly, the fellows he went with last year may be warned off. . . . You perhaps have noticed that No. 5 Crib is getting a fair share of the Production Department column now. This is due to the fact that No. 5 is sending news in to the reporters. We sincerely hope that other cribs and storerooms will follow suit and send their news in also. It requires only a few moments to jot down a few items and send them to either of your reporters, we'll do the rest. A special "thank you" to No. 5 for your co-operation, we trust you will continue your present policy.

*Production Personals:* Agnes Egsigian has left us to devote her time to domestic duties. Priscilla McConnell, a "transferee" from 426 is taking her place. . . . We welcome Pat and Betty Benjamin and Jimmy Jones—all have been sidelined with illnesses. . . . The Production Department Christmas banquet to be held December 20, promises to be a gala event. Bill Walsh and Harvey Deslauriers are heading the committee on arrangements. . . . Congratulations to F. O. Rizer on winning the second division of the Fall Tournament at the Whitinsville Golf Club. F.O. defeated Jack Jowett, Jr., five and three. . . . Plans are being formulated at this writing for the annual Christmas Party to be held in the office during the noon hour, Friday, December 21. The committee who are working overtime to make a huge success of the affair are Helen Dagirmanjian, Marilyn Nuttall, Ann McCann, Pat Rivet, Jeanne Jette, Betty Zacapoulas, Gloria Porter, and Stacia Mucha. A surprise entertainment is in store, and even your reporters are being kept in the dark as to what it will be!

Louie Duggan, with a party of friends, went on a hunting trip to Canada during his fall vacation. Deer were bagged by the whole party, along with three flat tires and a car breakdown. . . . It has just been brought to our attention that Henry Manigan of No. 9 Crib ran and finished in the B.A.A. Marathon last April 19. This, incidentally, was the first time that Henry had ever seen the course. . . . Dick Guilbeault found out, much to his regret, that furniture polish is just that and not floor wax. Dick decided to give the Mrs. a surprise by washing and waxing the kitchen floor, but guess who got the biggest surprise.

*Crib No. 5 News:* Upon leaving the shop on Friday, November 2, Daniel Hesselberg was presented with gifts from the departments. He received a Parker 51 pen and pencil set, a travel alarm clock, and a purse from Cribs No. 5, No. 9 and the expediters. From Cribs No. 11, No. 2, No. 25 and the Production Department he received a portable Westinghouse radio. Daniel was our coordinator and he has now accepted a position on the production staff of Westinghouse in Baltimore, Md. . . . We welcome John Moschilli from Production who has replaced Daniel Hesselberg. . . . We regret to say that two of our star employees, Normand Pouliot and Arthur Jones, have left the shop for the Air Force. . . . We wish to welcome a new erecting floor pick-up man, Tom Coady, from Crib No. 13. We hope you like it here, Tom. . . . Four new men have started working nights down here. Robert R. Giguere, George Lavallee, Eugene Laplante, and Robert Corbeil have come from Departments 405 and 406. Their supervisor was Gerry Revene from No. 8 Crib, who left last month to be night supervisor at Pratt and Whitney. . . . Madeline Dean has returned to Crib No. 5 after a leave of absence. . . . Rena Lisak took a trip to Maryland on the week end of November 17 to attend her sister's wedding. She must have made a pretty picture tripping down the aisle, in her pink satin gown. The wedding took place in the U.S.N. chapel at Annapolis.

Your reporters wish to take this opportunity to extend to everyone our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*MYSTERY PHOTO—Mike Feddema, of the Tool Job, was the one you should have recognized last month. On the right, do you know the British soldier behind the mustache?*

## PROMOTION

James Chiras had embarked on a career as a meatcutter until he came to the Whitin Machine Works nine years ago. After serving those nine years in the Sheet Metal Department as an apprentice and group leader, Jim was strongly convinced that this was the work for him, and just recently was appointed foreman.

He was graduated from Northbridge High School and attended Worcester Boys Trade School where he studied sheet metal work. He is married and has three children. His favorite sports are fishing, baseball and football, and he is a member of the Whitco Foreman's Club.

## Obituaries

The members of Department 448B express their sympathy to Francis Macuga on the death of his father.

The members of Department 418 extend their condolences to Albert Raiche on the death of his father.

The members of the Maintenance Department express their sympathy to the family of Charles Brule, who died recently.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to Ted Matte of the Foundry on the death of his wife.

The Foundry extends its sympathy to Myron Dupre on the death of his mother.

The members of the Bolster Job express their sympathy to Walter Turpack on the passing of his sister.

Francis V. Smith, a 35-year employee of the Whitin Machine Works, died November 5. He was well known as a basketball player for the Whitin Community Association for several years. Our sympathy is extended to the members of his family.

## MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

William Leaver of the Erecting Floor was married to Madeline Belval on November 3 at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville.

Chester Pieleski, Department 465, was married to Claire Small in St. Brigid's Church, Millbury, October 27.

*Marion Philbrook, Production Department, was married to Norman LaBonte, September 3, at St. Patrick's Church*

*Thomas Cawley, Production, and Constance Riggs were married in St. Peter's Church, Rockdale, September 29*

## Births

To Raymond Desjourdy, Department 453, and Mrs. Desjourdy, a daughter, Lynne Barbara, born November 1.

To Jack Burns, Foundry, and Mrs. Burns, a daughter, Patricia Ellen, born October 19.

To Clarence Potty, Bolster Job, and Mrs. Potty, a daughter.

To Henry Gaulin, 452, and Mrs. Gaulin, a son, Gary.

To Marcel Pierel, Department 442, and Mrs. Pierel, a son, born November 10.

To David Sibson, Wage Standards, and Mrs. Sibson, a son, William Alexander, born November 6.

To Henri Leduc, 416, and Mrs. Leduc, a daughter, Linda Mary, born November 7.

To Raymond Guertin, Department 408, and Mrs. Guertin, a daughter, Linda Ann, born October 19.

To Pierre Bonvouloir, Department 409, and Mrs. Bonvouloir, a daughter, Ruth Yvonne, born November 14.

To Raymon F. Meader, Jr., Masterlist, and Mrs. Meader, a daughter, Gail Barbara, born October 30.

To John Adams, apprentice erector, and Mrs. Adams, a daughter, Deborah Jean, born November 3.

To Henry Morro, 460, group leader, and Mrs. Morro, a daughter, born October 23.

To Zigmont Mezynski, Spindle Experimental, and Mrs. Mezynski, a daughter, Patricia Ellen, born November 4.

To Lucille and James Dagenais, a daughter, Marie Rose, born October 31. Lucille is a former member of the Drafting Room.

To Elliot Hairyes and Mrs. Hairyes, a daughter, Linda Lee, born November 7.

To Albert Trajanowski, night shift, Tool Job, and Mrs. Trajanowski, a son, born November 17.

To Joseph Bartlett, Department 454, and Mrs. Bartlett, a son, Bruce, born October 6.

To Homer Adams, Department 454, office, and Mrs. Adams, a daughter, Christine Anne, born September 28.

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